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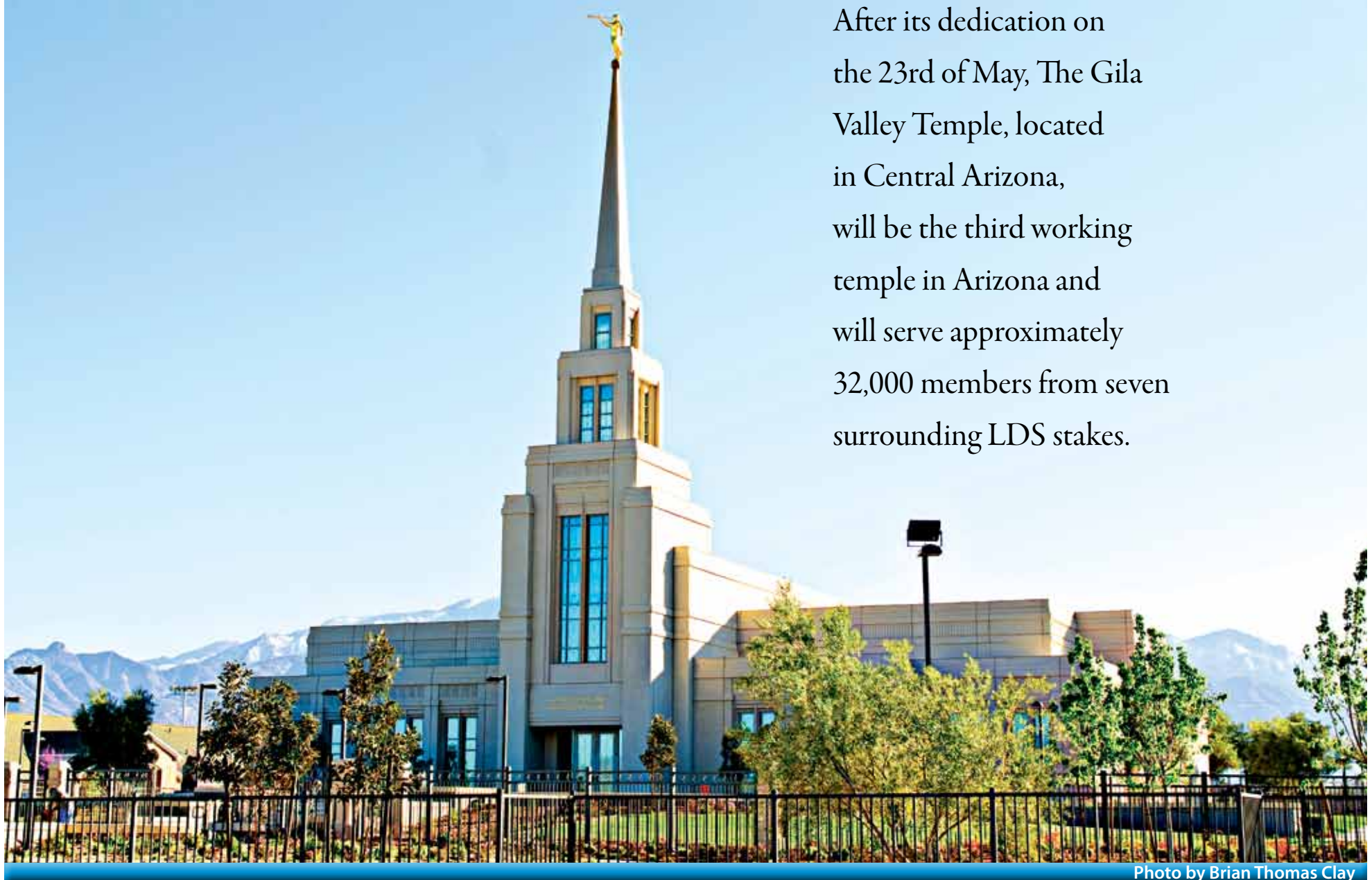

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After its dedication on the 23rd of May, The Gila Valley Temple, located in Central Arizona, will be the third working temple in Arizona and will serve approximately 32,000 members from seven surrounding LDS stakes.

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The Beehive Newspaper is the proud sponsor of LDS Friends & Family Night with the Arizona Diamondbacks on August 7th. Tickets can be purchased at www.dbacks.com/lds

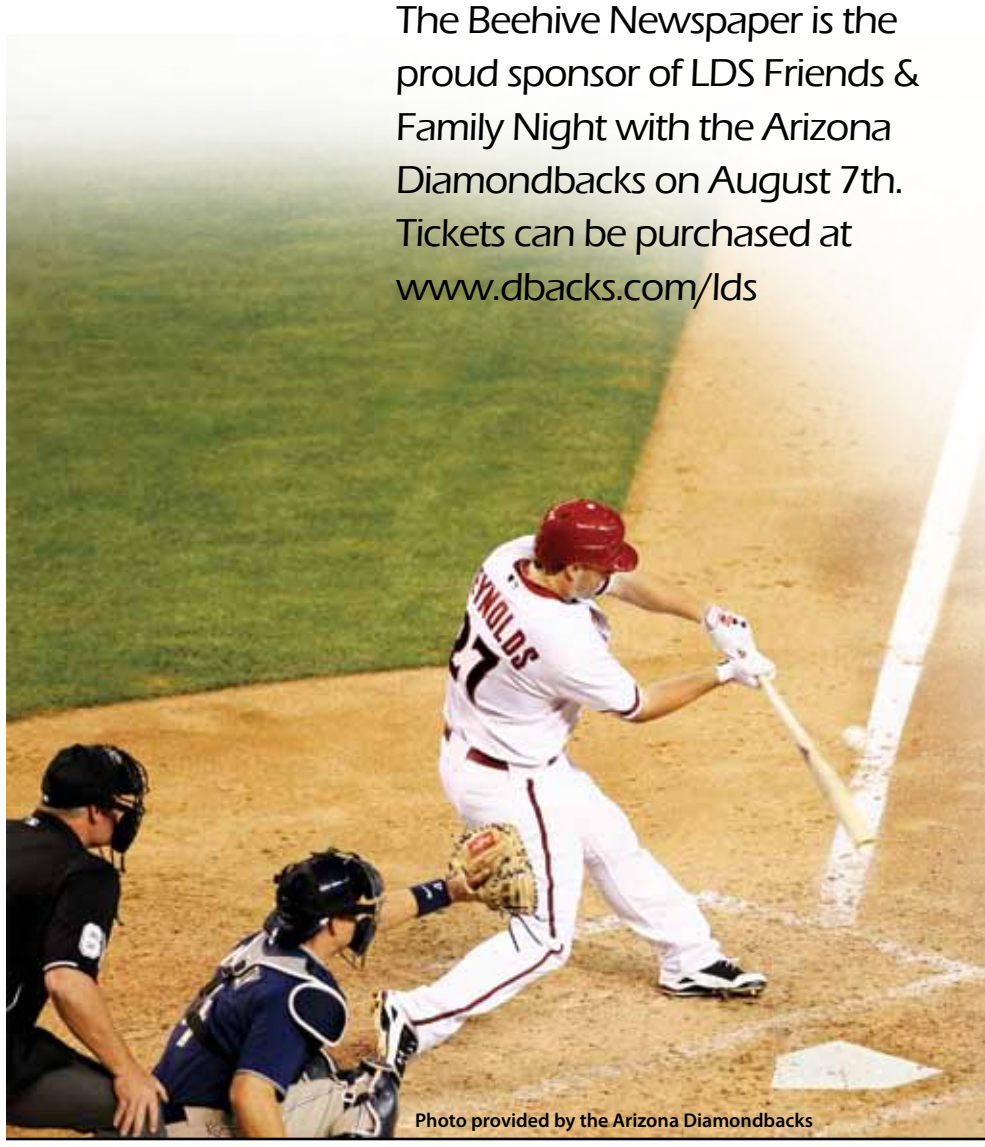

Photo provided by the Arizona Diamondbacks

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

This August, The Beehive Newspaper - in conjunction with the Arizona Diamondbacks - will host a special evening of festivities and family-friendly fun for Latter-day Saints and their friends.

The Beehive LDS Friends and Family Night will be held Saturday, August 7, when the Diamondbacks host the San Diego Padres. The game start time is 5:10 p.m., and the first 15,000 fans through the turnstiles will receive a Gonzo Bobble Head doll.

Tickets for The Beehive LDS Friends and Family night are available online at www.dbacks.com/lds. Discount tickets for this special night are: $10 for Infield Reserve seats, $15 for Bleachers, $20 for Club Bullpen and $30 for Baseline Box seats. In each of these sections LDS members and their friends will be sitting together. For group seating, including ward or large family groups, or for accessible needs, please call Elisabeth McMenamy at 602-462-4107.

Chase Field, the home of the D'Backs, has several kid-friendly venues, including the Peter Piper Playhouse.

Peter Piper Playhouse is located in Chase Field behind the center field scoreboard and is complete with many video and interactive games for families with children of all ages to enjoy.

Playhouse visitors will be able to test their batting skills in the batting cage and see how fast they can pitch in the Fast Pitch area.

Other games fans have the opportunity to play include Crusin' Exotica, Rush 2049, Hydro Thunder, Ice Ball (skeeball), Smokin' Token, Basket Fever and Hoop Fever. Tickets won while playing games can be exchanged for prizes.

Another Chase Field feature is The Sandlot. This family-focused destination is designed "to promote a healthy and active lifestyle with a variety of fun and exciting activities for fans of all ages," says Elisabeth McMenamy, Account Executive, Group Sales with the Diamondbacks.

Located on the upper concourse in left field (northwest corner, past Section 332), the Sandlot features the Futures Field *presented by St. Joseph's Hospital*

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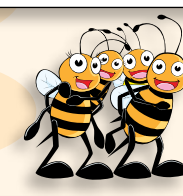

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Outstanding Mesa Women Honored as Arizona's Mothers of the Year

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Carol Soelberg, mother of 13, was recently named Arizona's Mother of the Year 2010

Photo by Clive van Rensberg

Alyson Dale will represent Arizona's young mothers this year as she was recently honored as the Arizona Young Mother of the Year 2010

By Evelyn Hendrix
The Beehive

Two Latter-day Saint women from Mesa were recently honored for their roles and examples as mothers and their dedication to community and church service. The Arizona chapter of American Mothers, Inc. (AMI), at their annual Honors Gala, recognized Carol Soelberg as Arizona Mother of the Year 2010 and Alyson Dale as this year's Young Mother of the Year.

For Sister Dale, seven is a lucky number. She and her husband, Jeff, have seven children under age 18, who play baseball and softball on seven different teams. Their games are played at seven different times, in seven different places. In between driving to practices, Alyson has served as Little League President, PTO fundraiser, choir accompanist, school volunteer and piano teacher. And, of course, Mom--seven days a week.

Now, Sister Dale can add her new title to that list.

Sister Dale graduated from Brigham Young University in 1991 with a bachelor's of arts degree in music. She has accompanied musicians at many venues, from church services to Metropolitan Opera auditions. She also enjoys accompanying junior high and high school choirs. Her children, who range in age from 5 to 17, are also musical; some play piano, others play cello or sing.

"I love seeing the accomplishments of my children," says Sister Dale.

Sister Dale is a member of the Vineyard Ward in the Mesa Maricopa Stake, where she teaches the Marriage and Family Relations class.

Sister Soelberg, too, graduated from Brigham Young University, earning a bachelor's degree in Education and Family Science in 1969. Carol and her husband, Glade, are members of the Mesa 60th Ward, Mesa East Stake, where Carol teaches the Gospel Doctrine class. The Soelbergs are parents of 13 children, all who are musical; each sings and plays the piano, and some play other instruments as well.

The Soelbergs also have 41 grandchildren.

Sister Soelberg feels a mother's role is to create an environment where her children can reach their full potential.

"A loving relationship between parent and child is imperative; for a child internalizes best that which is taught in love," says Sister Soelberg. "This relationship must be built on a clear understanding of the individual worth of each person."

In 2003, Sister Soelberg served as chair of the Defend Marriage Project. While serving as President of United Families International, Sister Soelberg lobbied at the United Nations and spoke around the world in defense of family issues. In 2006, Glade and Carol were

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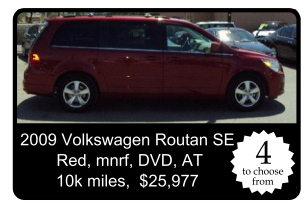
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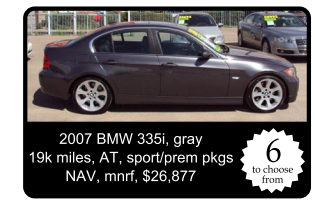
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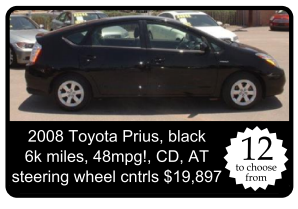
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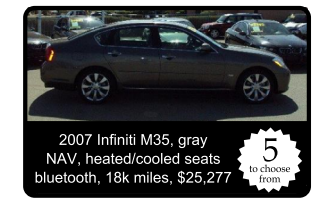
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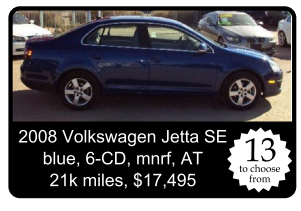
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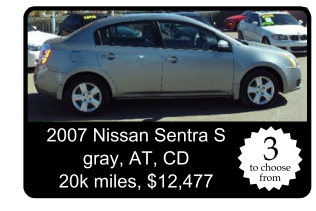
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Of the annual award, Janeen Wright, Arizona's AMI President, says, "We believe in honoring women from a variety of backgrounds, and no two are alike."

She adds, "By honoring their accomplishments and asking them to be our spokespersons, they can be a positive voice in a world that is increasingly dismissing the roles of mothers and fathers and of functioning families."

As Arizona Mother of the Year, Sister Soelberg represented all Arizona mothers at the AMI National Convention in New York in April. Throughout this year, she will be a spokeswoman for mothers and families and will also serve as a member of the State Board.

Sister Dale represented Arizona's *young* mothers at the Convention. She, too, will serve on the AMI State Board for one year. As a role model, Sister Dale hopes she can encourage and lift other young mothers. She believes there is hope for mothers who may feel discouraged.

"I think that all mothers feel overwhelmed sometimes," Sister Dale says. "But we're not in this alone. Heavenly Father is always there to help us, because these are his children too and he loves them."

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and Medical Center. Here, children can take Wiffle ball batting practice and run the bases of a miniature version of Chase Field, complete with a centerfield "scoreboard" and operating door panels.

In The Sandlot, a playground is complete with two clubhouses, four slides and a play area for children of all ages. Visitors to The Sandlot also can swing away in the big league-style batting cage behind Futures Field.

Plus, don't miss the D-backs Kid's Club Headquarters in The Sandlot, where youngsters, ages 15 and under, can join the D-backs Kid's Club and redeem prizes. There, parents or guardians (ages 18 and older) can also register children for the "No Chew Crew" presented by St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

On Bobby Freeman's Stage, the D-backs musical mascot entertains fans from his location overlooking Chase Field.

The LDS Friends and Family Night will also include special participation by members of the LDS community for pre-game activities and entertainment. More details about these activities will be forthcoming.

Also, that night, certain items will be available for purchase at family value prices. Food items also may be brought into Chase Field in a clear, plastic grocery-style bag.

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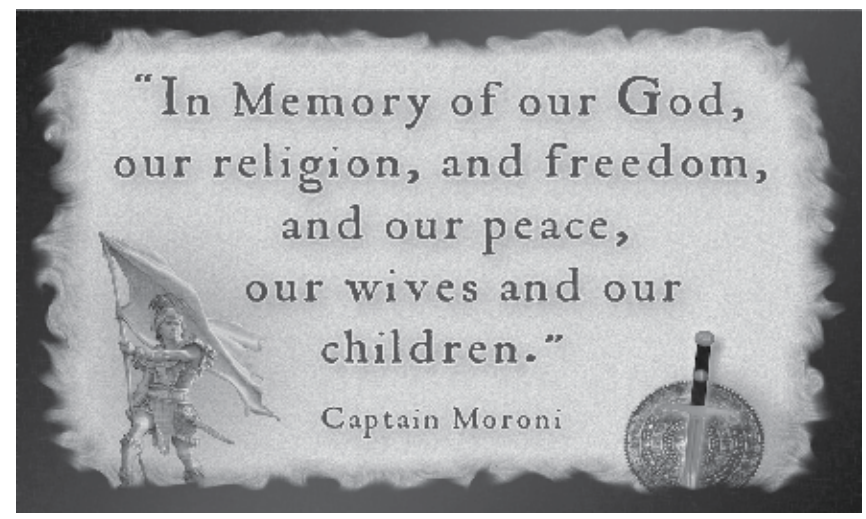

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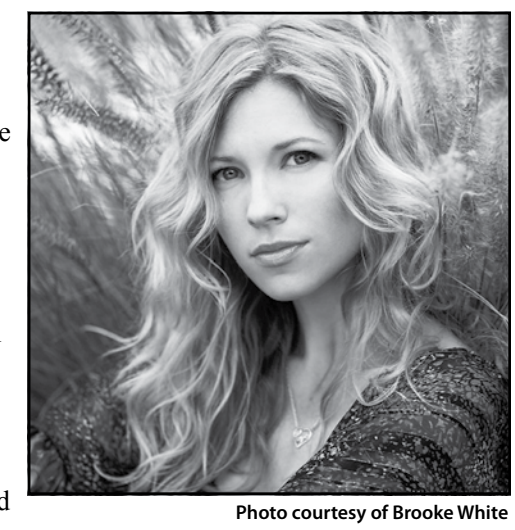

Photo courtesy of Brooke White

American Idol Finalist, Brooke White, will headline the ***Hope for the Children Event***, a concert to benefit orphans and children in crisis. That evening, finalists in a vocal contest for youth between the ages of 12 and 25 will also perform, and Brooke, as head judge, will participate in awarding the titles of Junior and Senior Ambassador for Children.

Sponsored by Families for Orphans, a project of Family Watch International (FWI), and Circle of Support/Acenda, the ***Hope for the Children Event*** is designed to raise awareness and to give members of the community opportunities to "do unto others" by donating their time, talents and resources to assist these vulnerable children.

The concert, produced by Kirsten Millsap, will feature numbers by Brooke and by the contest finalists, as well as moving video presentations and a musical number by several adopted and foster children.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy excellent talent and, at the same time, do a great service for vulnerable children in our state and in developing countries," says Sharon Slater, FWI president. "Because all ticket proceeds will go to children in need, simply attending the event will be an act of service. In addition, people can bring items needed by children in foster care in our state, can make a donation or sponsor the event, or may even consider taking the step to bring a foster child or orphan into their home."

The ***Hope for the Children*** event will be held May 29 at 7 p.m. at Gilbert High School Auditorium. Tickets are $10. For more information about contest participation, sponsorships, donation suggestions or to purchase tickets, visit www.familiesfororphans.org

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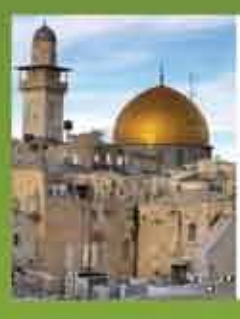
Wayne N. May is author of four books on the subject of Book of Mormon Archaeology in North America. Wayne gives firesides to members and non-members alike, wherever he is invited to present. He has been presenting information on the topic of North America's archaeological data since 1994 which demonstrates how it applies to the Book of Mormon timeline. Columbus was last!



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LDS WOMEN TAKE A STAND FOR Motherhood AT THE U.N.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Photo by Annie Franklin

African women carry the "Celebrate Motherhood" bags prepared as part of a special event presented by LDS women from Arizona to promote motherhood and traditional marriage at the recent UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

Several Arizona LDS women took a strong stand for motherhood at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in March as they worked with leaders of other countries to "Celebrate Motherhood."

Sharon Slater, of Gilbert 9th Ward, Gilbert Val Vista Stake, is co-founder and president of Family Watch International (FWI) and has been to the UN often over the past 10 years.

"I have seen firsthand the alarming and disturbing evidence of the relentless and carefully planned, attack on the family," she says.

Sharon, who has chronicled her experiences in her book, *Stand for the Family,* says, "Each year, thousands of radical feminists from around the world attend this UN conference on women's issues, seeking to advance abortion and sexual rights in laws and policies. The institution of the family and motherhood are considered obstacles to their agenda as they seek to liberate women from the home and the caring of children."

Sharon continues, "One time at the UN, I witnessed a two-hour debate by UN delegates over a positive reference to motherhood in the document they were negotiating. There was so much opposition to the reference that it was ultimately rejected."

Sharon and other volunteers with Family Watch took proactive steps to counteract what they expected to find at CSW and to encourage attendees to celebrate motherhood rather than radical feminism.

She explains, "Several weeks prior to CSW, we approached a number of UN member states to request that they co-sponsor a UN panel with us to 'Recognize the Critical Role of Mothers in Society.' We were thrilled when the governments of Iran, Nigeria, Saint Lucia, Syria and Qatar agreed to co-sponsor the panel."

Several things fell into place as FWI made plans.

"It was quite miraculous that we were able to schedule the panel on March 8, which the UN celebrates as International Women's Day," Sharon says. "Our goal was to turn this day into a very public UN celebration of mothers."

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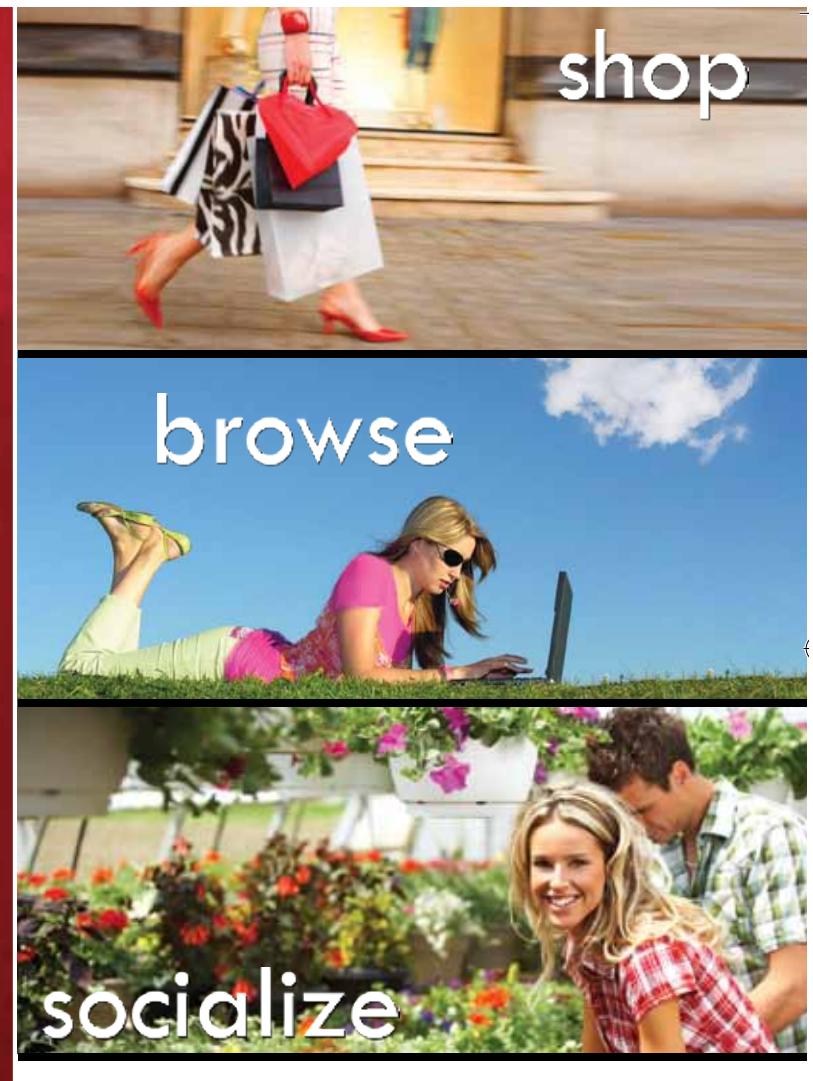

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LDS Women Take A Stand

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They scheduled several pro-family speakers from different regions of the world, then the Family Watch UN team of about 100 volunteers went to work to ensure the panel would be a major event at the conference.

150 official UN delegates received copies of *"Stand for the Family: A Call to Responsible Citizens Everywhere"* in their bright yellow "Celebrate Motherhood" bags that were seen all around the UN during the conference.

"We designed and ordered 500 bright yellow bags with 'Celebrate Motherhood' printed on the outside. Inside, we placed flyers advertising the panel," Sharon says. Volunteers distributed flyers outside and inside the UN building.

"On the morning of the panel discussion, our bright yellow 'Celebrate Motherhood' bags could be seen everywhere as delegates and representatives of non-governmental organizations from throughout the world carried them around the UN. With each of the bags boldly celebrating motherhood, they made a huge pro-motherhood statement."

For official UN delegates, Family Watch volunteers filled 150 of the bags with resources, including Family Watch's new UN Pro-Family Handbook and a copy of Sharon's book, *Stand for the Family: A Call to Responsible Citizens Everywhere*.

"Our resource-filled bag was the most sought after item at CSW. Delegates were clamoring to get one, and many tried to take several. To say they were popular would be an understatement."

As a result, "the large conference room was packed full with hundreds of NGO representatives and government delegates from around the world," Sharon says, adding, "The panel was a huge success as those in attendance cheered throughout many of the speeches and, for the first time in UN history, to my knowledge, motherhood and the family were celebrated in a grand way in a large formal meeting."

Note: To watch the introduction to FWI's documentary about motherhood, visit www.davidperryfilms.com/media/motherhood_intro.wmv

Presentations by Sharon and other participants can be seen on www.familywatchinternational.org. To learn more about Sharon's book, visit www.standforthefamily.org.

LDS Young Woman Named Arizona's Junior Miss 2010

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

She had never really performed on stage before, had never participated in a competition of this kind; yet, Arianne Leavitt, 18, proved to be a quick study. This last March, Arianne surpassed the field of 30 other highly qualified contestants from around the state to win the title of Arizona's Junior Miss 2010.

Arianne is the oldest of five children of Wayne and Charlys Leavitt and is a member of the Hillcrest Ward in the Hermosa Vista Stake. A senior at Mesa's Mountain View High School, Arianne plans to attend Brigham Young University in the fall, where she will major in Spanish before going on to pursue a career as a physician's assistant.

Arianne volunteers at the Child Crisis Center and plays the violin in the school orchestra. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. She has been active in her Young Women's class, serving as first and second counselor, and Arianne has completed seminary and will graduate with a four-year award.

Photo courtesy of Arianne Leavitt

Arianne Leavitt, an LDS senior from Mesa, was chosen as the 2010 Arizona Junior Miss and will respresent the state at the National Pageant in Moblie, Alabama, in June.

According to the America Junior Miss (AJM) Web site, the organization's mission is "to empower outstanding high school women by providing scholarship

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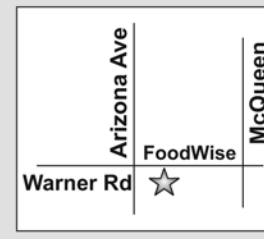

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LDS Young Woman AZ Jr. Miss
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opportunities, developing life skills, and encouraging positive values; and to impact the lives of all young people through the Be Your Best Self outreach program."

Arianne says, for Jr. Miss competitions across the nation, young women are judged in five areas—fitness, talent, on-stage question, scholastics and interview.

She says she focused on all of those areas.

"I just wanted to try my best in all five different categories," she says.

Arianne, who has taken piano lessons since she was seven years old and now teaches piano, says she practiced hours and hours so she could play "Feux Follets" by Franz Liszt for the competition.

In addition, she read the newspaper and studied current events.

"For the interview, the judges want to see if you can be confident and express yourself and your beliefs, even under pressure," Arianne says.

She says, for the physical fitness segment, she didn't feel as prepared.

"I don't play sports at all," she says, so when it came to the physical fitness dance, and throughout the competition, she says, "I had to think that in the audience there were a lot of people who were cheering me on."

She adds that her family members, and especially her mom, were extremely supportive during the competition.

"Mom especially helped me the whole way through," she says.

"Junior Miss was really a good experience," she continues. "It taught me a lot and it was a great experience to get to know the other girls. It was a good growing experience, even though it took a lot of time and effort."

She credits the Young Women's Personal Progress program for helping her develop skills that carried over and helped her as she competed for the Junior Miss title.

"Personal Progress teaches values of charity and hard work, how to work toward goals and dedication and persistence," she says.

She adds that the Junior Miss program helped build her testimony and her love for others.

"I realized that when you are focusing on others rather than yourself, you perform better yourself. That's really a Christlike principle," she says. "I realized if I would pick one other girl who I really wanted to do well and was cheering for her, I was not focusing on myself, so I performed better and felt better, wasn't as nervous."

As Arizona's Jr. Miss, Arianne will participate in various events across the state. She has already conducted a book drive for the Boys and Girls Club and provided "Be Your Best Self" presentations for the Boys and Girls Club and for Primary Activity Day groups as well.

In June, Arianne will travel to Mobile, Alabama, where she will represent Arizona at the America's Junior Miss Pageant.

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LDS Hymns now Being Streamed 24-hours on yourLDSradio.com

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Already one of the top online inspirational radio stations in the country, yourLDSradio.com has added a new stream called LDS Hymns on a 24-hour basis. The new addition will feature favorite music past and present from the LDS hymnbook.

Program Director Sam Payne says yourLDSradio expects LDS Hymns to be one of their most popular offerings.

"On LDS Hymns, listeners will hear hymns that have established themselves at the heart of LDS affections."

The new segment will feature the music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, instrumentalists like Jenny Oaks Baker, Jon Schmidt, and Marvin Goldstein, vocalists Alex Boye, Cherie Call, Michael Dowdle, and Kenneth Cope, and composer Sam Cardon.

Since LDS Hymns debuted on yourLDSradio.com, "Our audience has shown very strong initial support for this stream," Sam says.

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The Mesa Historical Museum announces new hours starting May 10.

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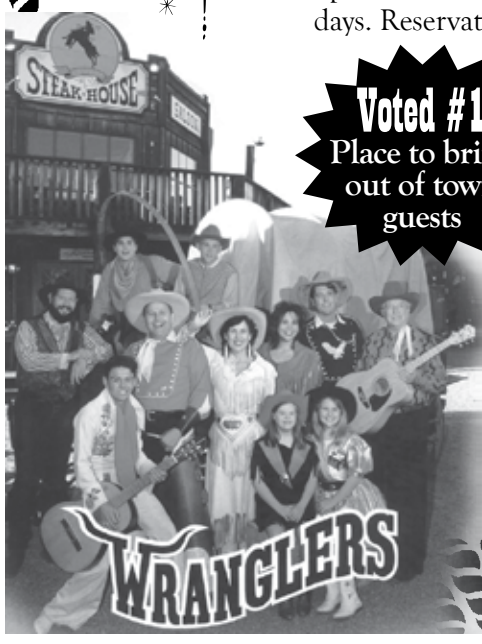

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LDS Employment Resource Services Offers New Tools for

Job Seekers

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At the Mesa LDS Employment Resource Services center, 32 missionaries, including Elder and Sister Watts (left), and the center's director, Elder Jess McDowell, help individuals learn to use available resources and develop needed skills for searching for jobs or making a career change.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

With the current state of the economy and the job market downturns, the Church has responded by enhancing online job search capabilities and by expanding the scope of services offered at LDS Employment Resource Services centers.

In particular, says Elder Jess McDowell, recently called to a two-year assignment as director of the Mesa LDS Employment Resource Services, the new ldsjobs.org site has "really revolutionized things. It's a powerful and valuable tool in today's job market."

According to a senior missionary at the center, Elder Steve Watts, the new site is "much more comprehensive. It's helping candidates be more career-focused and giving them opportunities to really advance."

More than just a list of searchable jobs like many job sites, the new ldsjobs.org allows individuals to make themselves more visible to companies who may be seeking their skills. It also offers opportunities for networking.

"Networking is really the secret to securing employment in today's market. Especially for the executive level positions, networking is key," says Elder McDowell.

Elder Watts agrees, explaining that the ldsjobs.org site allows people to make connections and find referrals.

"The site steps people through setting up a profile that includes long-term career goals, an action plan and a 'Me in 30 seconds' statement, to describe who they are and what skills they have in a concise way," Elder Watts says.

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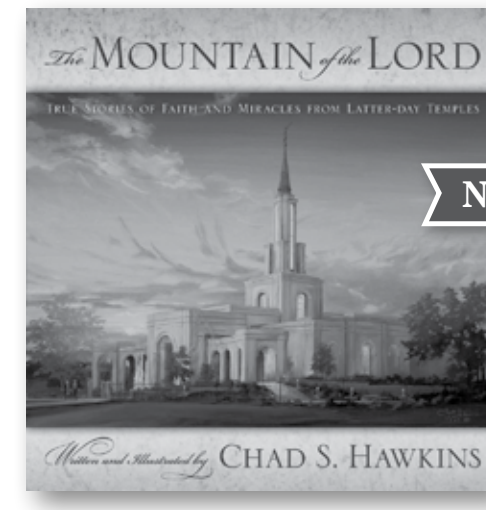
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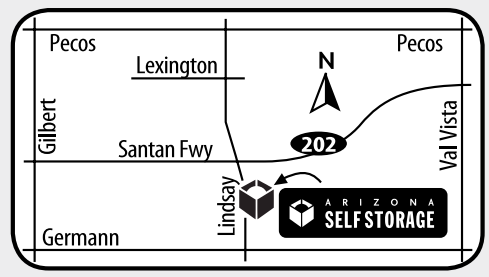

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LDS Church members wanting to sign up on ldsjobs.org may do so by simply logging on with their current LDS account or by creating an account using their membership number. Those who are not members of the Church may register as a "friend" using number 2224.

One important aspect of the new site is that it allows priesthood leaders to be involved in the process.

"A great thing it does is that it links candidates with the ward employment specialist," says Elder Watts. "This allows for follow-up and the ongoing welfare of that person to fall under the auspices of their priesthood leaders."

The center further facilitates this by providing training for ward and stake employment specialists and for stake officers and bishops.

A total of 32 missionaries and 10 volunteers serve at the Mesa Employment Resource Center. Each is assigned to work with one of the 45 stakes the center covers, including stakes in Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek, north as far as Payson and south to Casa Grande and Florence.

Other centers are located in Tucson, Snowflake and Phoenix.

In addition to assisting with the training and implementation of the new ldsjobs.org site, the Mesa Employment Resource Center offers a wealth of information provided through free classes.

Professional Career Workshops are held the second and third Saturdays monthly from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A Self-employment Workshop is held the first and second Tuesday monthly from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Resume writing classes are offered every Tuesday from 9 until 11 a.m. and on the third Tuesday monthly from 6 to 8 p.m. A Portfolio class is presented the fourth Tuesday monthly from 6 to 8 p.m. These classes are held at the center, located at 235 S. El Dorado Circle in Mesa.

A Career Workshop is held the second and third Wednesday monthly in two locations: the Mesa Employment Resource Services and the Alta Mesa Stake Center. This workshop is designed to help job candidates develop skills and achieve career objectives.

A Professional Networking Group—which provides opportunities for career professionals to network together and to meet employers and executive recruiters—is held twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Mesa LDS Institute at MCC.

Another class that has been helpful to many is the Family Finance Workshop sponsored by the Gilbert Val Vista Stake. For information, call Wally Jacobs at 480-715-8437.

To inquire about any of the classes listed above or for more information about the Mesa Employment Resource Services, call 480-829-8999 or e-mail wel-ec-mesa@ldschurch.org. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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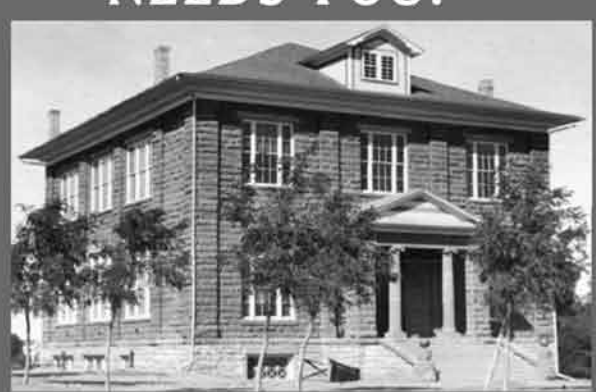

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Church Launches New Anti-Pornography Site

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Members of the LDS Church have been warned repeatedly by their leaders about the dangers of pornography. In May 2009, Thomas S. Monson called pornography, "one of the most effective of Satan's enticements" and added, "My beloved friends, under no circumstances allow yourselves to become trapped in the viewing of pornography."

Statistics from social science research give an idea of the magnitude of this problem. One survey conducted by MSNBC found that "60 percent of all Web site visits are sexual in nature" and "as many as 80 percent of visitors to sex sites were spending so much time tracking down erotica on the computer that they were putting their real-life relationships and/or jobs at risk."

In an effort to combat this trend and to help families, individuals and local leaders, the Church—through its nonprofit counseling arm, LDS Family Services, recently launched its own anti-pornography Web site, www.Combating-Pornography.org.

The site is aimed at Latter-day Saints and provides specific advice for individuals, spouses, parents, youth and leaders. In each of the five categories are subcategories which provide information about how to prevent, recognize and overcome challenges with pornography as well as how to support others who may be struggling.

The Web site includes research and information from mental and behavioral health experts. In addition, it provides videos of LDS prophets and apostles and additional helps for dealing with the issue from a spiritual standpoint.

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As a volunteer with the Flying Samaritans, Mesa attorney, Paul Rowley, donates his time, pilot services and use of his plane to fly dentists and doctors to Mexico, then provides translation and triage services to help patients who don't have access to regular health care.

Mesa Attorney Offers Service as a

Pilot & Flying Samaritan

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

As managing partner of a Mesa-based law firm and recently released after six years of service as bishop of the Harris 2nd Ward in the Mesa Central Stake, Paul Rowley has found plenty to keep him busy.

Though dedicated and involved with his career, family and church service, he has managed to devote himself to other service as well, even when it means diving into dangerous waters or taking to the skies in flights of mercy and compassion.

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Young Man Looks to **Project Walk** and Lots of **Prayer** **to Get Back on His Feet**

Two and a half years ago, in an instant, life as he knew it changed...

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

On November 14, 2007, Garrett Tanner, then 20 years old, was a gymnastics coach at Desert Devils in Mesa, where he had worked for three years.

"I loved my job and the kids I coached," he says.

He also loved practicing with the other coaches at the end of the day.

But, that day "while performing a double front flip, something went terribly wrong," Garrett says. "While up in the air I got lost; … I ended up upside down, head first, head over heels, on my neck. I heard a cracking sound that would make you cringe and knew something was wrong—my body slowly started to shut down and I couldn't move."

Garrett had broken his neck and sustained a C5 spinal cord injury.

As he lay on the mat waiting for help to arrive, into his mind came the words to the Primary song, "A Child's Prayer." "I thought, 'Heavenly Father, are you really there? Do you hear and answer every child's prayer? Some say that heaven is far away…' but, in that instant, it didn't feel that way," Garrett says. "I felt an overwhelming feeling of comfort, peace and strength to endure whatever was to come."

After emergency surgery at Barrows Institute in Phoenix, Garrett spent three months in the hospital.

"I had made some progress. I got more strength in my arms and more control, enough to be able to navigate a powered wheelchair," he says.

Still, his dream was to walk and be fully independent again.

Using a wrist device to search online, Garrett found an extensive program of exercise and muscle stimulation called Project Walk.

Photo courtesy of Jann and Jim Wyler

Joining others who have reached out to help, New Horizon School for the Performing Arts in Mesa recently held a carnival to benefit Garrett Tanner (center) who broke his neck and suffered a C-5 spinal cord injury two and a half years ago. The funds will make it possible for Garrett to go to Project Walk in California, to receive the intense, personal therapy he needs for his injuries.

"This therapy that I need adds up very quickly. It costs between $1,000 to $1,200 a week," Garrett says.

He has been able to go to Project Walk in California, on different occasions, once for a six-month regimen, thanks to donations and fundraising efforts by friends like Rio Understiller and Alyssa Valenzuela. Several groups have held fundraising events, including New Horizon School for the Performing Arts in Mesa. The school raised $600 at a garage sale in January and they hosted a Family Night Open House in April.

"We have sort of adopted him," says Jann Wyler, director of New Horizon School, adding that through the school's "Change for a Chance" program, $550 in loose change was collected in one night.

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Young Man Looks to Prayer

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Photo courtesy of Garrett Tanner

Two and a half years after breaking his neck and suffering a C5 spinal cord injury, Garrett Tanner, now 22, says he has made some progress thanks to prayer, patience and a program called Project Walk, where the expensive therapy has been made possible through fundraising and donations.

Garrett says, with Project Walk, "I started out not being able to sit upright … and not even being able to lift my arms to scratch my face. Now, I can raise my hands above my head and stand tall without passing out."

He even was starting to roll over by himself before he had to return to Arizona in March.

"I have come a long way," he says, and adds, "I don't like to dwell on what I can't do. Whenever I have a challenge or try to do something new, I don't think, 'Oh great, this is going to be hard.' I just go for it."

Garrett says his trial has given him a greater sense of the Savior's atonement.

"He's felt all of our pain. He can help us through. If we really come to Him through prayer and just being committed to Christ, we can be closer to Him and feel more comfort."

He adds, "Like my testimony of the gospel I, too, have a testimony of my recovery. In Mark 11: 24, it says: 'What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.'"

Whether that promise is fulfilled now or later, Garrett believes there is much he can do in the meantime. He has started a business, selling greeting cards online; and he looks forward to returning to Project Walk in June.

"There is only going to be one Garrett Tanner in the world, so I have to think, 'What am I going to do with this life I have to impact others? What kind of success can I have with the body that I have?'"

To learn more about Garrett, order a greeting card from him or make a donation, visit www.gogarrett.org.

Mesa Attorney Offers Service

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Paul has participated for several years as a volunteer diver with the Maricopa County Sheriff Divers Posse.

He trains with the posse one Saturday a month. Then, during "drowning season, which is from Easter through Labor Day weekend, we are called out by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department as needed to recover drowning victims," he says.

In addition, he provides his plane and serves as a volunteer pilot for two different nonprofit organizations.

"I have always been fascinated with flying, then three or four years ago, I started taking flying lessons myself," Brother Rowley says.

From flying for fun and as a way to travel to his home in Rocky Point, Brother Rowley soon transitioned into flying to provide a service.

Now, for the group called Flights for Life, as the need arises, Brother Rowley preps, pre-flights and fuels his Piper Dakota, then transports blood, platelets or even organs for transplant to outlying areas.

Brother Rowley also is a member of the Tucson chapter of the group called the Flying Samaritans. As one of approximately 10 pilots in the group, Brother Rowley provides his plane and piloting services to transport medical supplies and groups of dentists, physicians and their assistants to Baja Mexico where the Samaritans provide free clinics to locals there who cannot afford health care.

"I pick up the dentists or physicians and we fly into one of the small villages where we spend two days helping the people there," Brother Rowley says.

The dentists have helped patients with gum disease or have done extractions or fitted people for dentures. "Physicians might administer medications, set broken bones, give stitches or cut out infected areas," he says. "They help save lives and treat patients who otherwise would have really no quality of life."

Brother Rowley says he volunteers for flights as often as possible. "I usually take a flight every month or two or three," he says.

In addition to serving as the pilot, because he speaks Spanish, while the doctors treat patients, Paul serves as interpreter and manages triage, including checking patients in, taking patients' medical histories, taking temperatures and blood pressure and assessing the patients' current complaints and symptoms.

Brother Rowley says the Flying Samaritan clinics serve patients ranging in age from just a few days old to adults with heart problems, diabetes and age-related conditions of all kinds.

Brother Rowley, like each of the Flying Samaritan dentists and doctors, provides these services at no charge. "There is a great reward in giving to others and making their lives a little better," Brother Rowley says. "Service is a good thing."

Brother Rowley says anyone interested in learning more about the Flying Samaritans, making a donation or signing up to participate, can go to the group's Web site at www.FlyingSamaritans.com.

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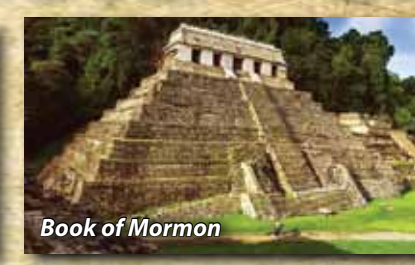

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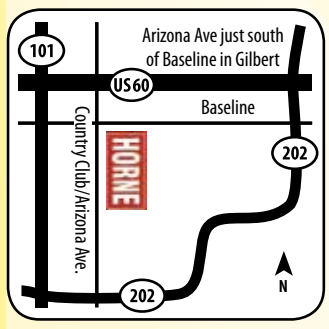

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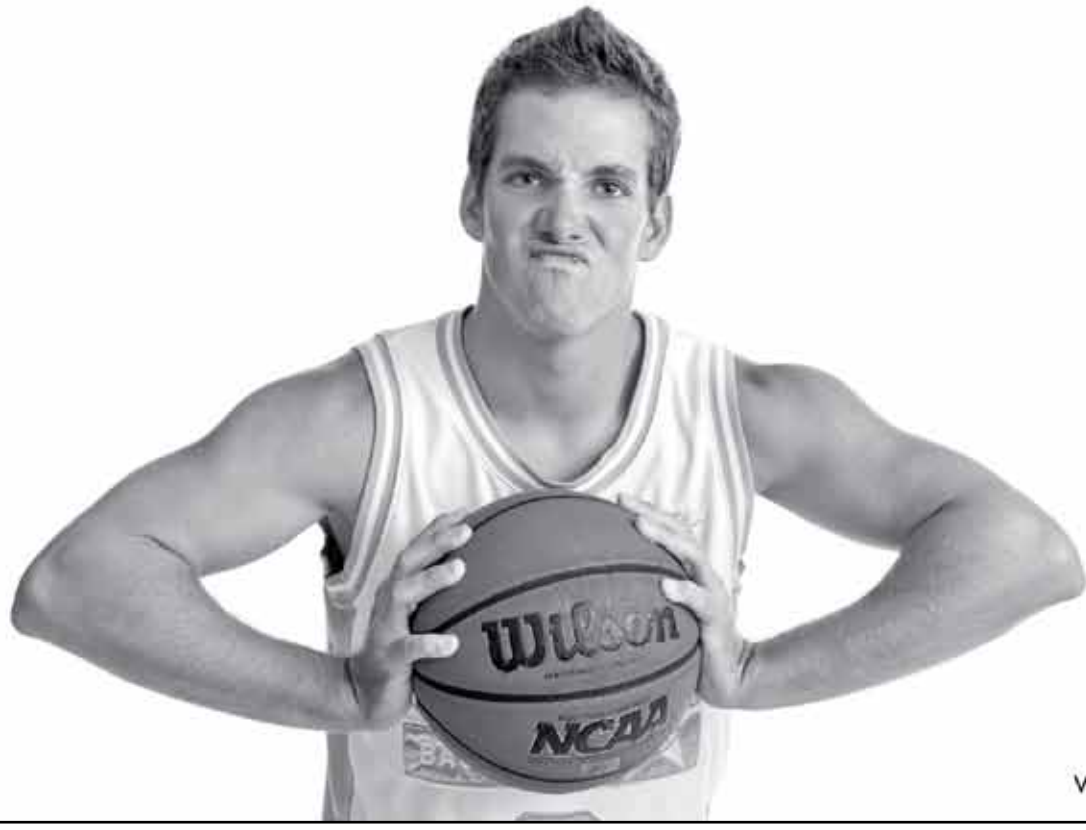

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Thanks again for the article.

Best wishes,

Rodney K. Smith

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Dear Beehive Newspaper,

I just wanted to thank you for writing the beautiful article about Kristi Crum and me and about the CD that was produced as a benefit for her, called "A Simple Gift of Love." I was deeply touched by your words and felt so much love pouring out from the article. I feel you captured Kristi's happy and positive outlook on life and my love for her. Ever since she was diagnosed with cancer 11 months ago, her will and fight to live has been so strong! She truly fought a good fight.

Thank you again for taking the time to talk to me and Kristi and write this article. It means so much to many of us! Her family will cherish this.

Sincerly,

Tricia Swanson

Note: *Kristi Sherwood Crum passed away February 23. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. The CD, "A Simple Gift of Love," by Tricia Swanson is available at:www.triciasings. All proceeds will go to Kristi's family.*

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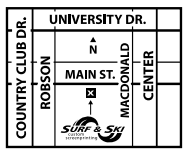

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Dedication and Open House Dates Announced for the Kyiv Ukraine Temple

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced dates for the public open house and dedication of the nearly completed Kyiv Ukraine Temple. The public will be invited to visit the Kyiv Ukraine Temple during an open house that will run from Saturday, 7 August 2010, through Saturday, 21 August 2010 (except for Sundays). The temple will be formally dedicated on Sunday, 29 August 2010. A total of three dedicatory sessions will be held.

The Kyiv Ukraine Temple is the Church's first in Eastern Europe and the 11th overall on the European continent. It will serve approximately 31,000 members of the Church living in 13 European countries. Other European temples of the Church are located in Bern, Switzerland (dedicated 1955); London, England (1958); Freiberg, Germany (1985); Stockholm, Sweden (1985); Frankfurt, Germany (1987); Preston, England (1998); Madrid, Spain (1999); The Hague, Netherlands (2002); Copenhagen, Denmark (2004); and Helsinki, Finland (2006). A temple to be built in Rome, Italy, was announced in October 2008.

It is customary for Latter-day Saints to open the doors of their temples to the public before they are dedicated. It is expected that many thousands of visitors will come to this temple open house to tour the temple and learn about the highest rites of the faith that take place there.

"We are very pleased to be able to invite our friends and neighbors to tour the temple and learn more about this sacred structure," said Elder Wolfgang H. Paul, president of the Church's Europe East Area. "We know that many people have passed by the temple during construction and wondered about its purpose. Soon we will be able to welcome them to the temple and explain why the temple is known as the house of the Lord."

Speaking to the entire Church membership in October 2009, Church President Thomas S. Monson said, "We continue to build temples. We desire that as many members as possible have an opportunity to attend the temple without having to travel inordinate distances. Worldwide, 83 percent of our members live within 200 miles (320 km) of a temple. That percentage will continue to increase as we construct new temples around the world."

The Kyiv Ukraine Temple was announced by President Gordon B. Hinckley, former worldwide leader of the Church, 20 July 1998. Ground was broken for the temple's construction on 23 June 2007. When completed it will be the Church's 134th operating temple worldwide.

Formal temple work will commence at the Kyiv Ukraine Temple on Monday, 30 August 2010.

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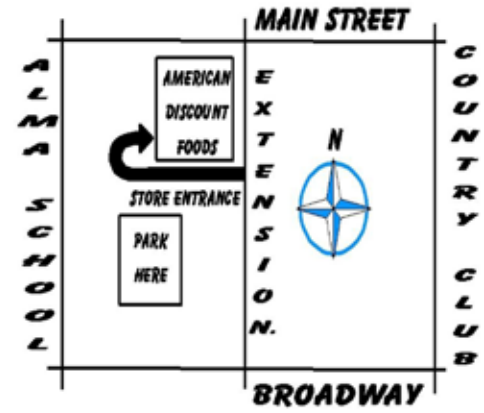

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Known for their fun approach and good sportmanship, the Mesquite High School JV volleyball team has 13 Latter-day Saint players out of the 15, including Karai Keil (leaning across the others) and (l to r) Steve Bevan, Ethan Smith, Caleb Brough and Hunter Williams.

By Cindy Williams
The Beehive

There's a whole lot of bumping, hitting, pancaking, cheating, dinking, digging, attacking and even killing going on—but it's all part of the game and all done in good sportsmanship where Mesquite High School junior varsity volleyball team is concerned. The team consists of 14 young men; 12 are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hunter Williams, a first-time player and starting center/hitter, says, "It's fun to be a part of these guys. We all work hard, and play hard. Every one of us gives our best. We treat all the guys on the team the same, whether they are Mormon or not. We are a team and we respect each other."

Head coach Mikan says, "This is the first time most of these students have played organized volleyball. They have worked hard and have come a long way." He adds, "Ten out 14 are new to the game, and they all work together as a team rather than individuals. They have heart."

"They are hard workers, but know how to have fun–like a giant family," says trainer, Temiah Mebane.

Team member Michael Blanchard says, "Volleyball is an easy game to pick up, but a hard game to master. It takes as much mental ability as it does physical ability." Michael plays at the unique position of the libero, pronounced "LEE-Behro," which means "free" in Italian. The libero specializes in defensive skills and must wear a contrasting jersey color from his teammates. He can't block or attack the ball higher than the net and can sub in and out without prior notice to officials.

Sophomore and first-time player, Cole Wilson, says, "It's a great sport. To get a 'kill' is actually a good thing in volleyball. A kill is where you spike it and the opposing team can't return it."

Having fun seems to be a big part of the success of the team.

Steven Beven says, "When the opposing team shanks the ball, I yell 'Shankopotomus.'"

Ethan Smith adds, "Life's a garden. Dig it," referring to a type of underhanded hit when the ball is close to the ground.

The players sitting on the bench participate by chanting slogans throughout the game including, "Welcome to the Thunderdome" when an opposing player is hit by the ball. And, "How high is the net? Too high" and a rousing "Haaaaaaaaaaaaaaay!"

Being serious for a moment, freshman, Caleb Brough, likens playing volleyball to life and a John Wooden quote: "Failure to prepare is preparing to fail."

The team had only two weeks to practice and get used to each other before the season matches began and, at the halfway point in the season, had a four and three record.

Members of the 2010 Mesquite High School JV team are: #14 Nathan Anderson, #5 Steve Bevan, #8 Mike Blanchard, #9 Caleb Brough, #4 Karai Keil, #7 Jacob Knighton, #2 Joseph Knighton, #1 Jesse Nelson, #12 Clay Petrie, #15 Josh Sabol, #10 Ryan Scott, #6 Ethan Smith, #11 Hunter Williams, and #3 Cole Wilson.

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From the Editor's Desktop

By Cecily Markland

"I'm happy to speak to you today…"

If you've sat through more than a handful of LDS Church meetings, you've heard it, I know. Someone stands to give a talk from the pulpit and begins their remarks with something like, "I'm happy to be here today," or, "I appreciate this opportunity …"

Every time I hear such a remark, I cringe a little inside and wonder how they can possibly feel that way. How can they really like the thought of speaking in public? I don't think I've ever had to talk in church or give a lesson—even to my seven-year-olds in Primary—without feeling at least a little fear and trepidation—and usually it's much more than just a little.

And yet, when I was asked recently to give a particular talk, I can say, without any cringing at all, I responded immediately with genuine gratitude. Then, as I prepared and even when it came to standing in front of the microphone, that initial gratitude grew and was joined with a profound sense of peace.

Several things made this occasion different.

First, it was in the asking itself. The request came from Madison, my own granddaughter, to speak at her baptism.

Now, how could that *not* be considered a privilege and honor?

This was my first grandchild, the first of 13, and I was not only grateful for her and for the choice she was making to be baptized as well as for her conscientious preparation. Plus, I was thankful to know that she knew that I have a testimony and I'm willing to share.

Madison asked that I speak about the Holy Ghost and, as I listened to her across the phone lines, in that instant, the Comforter himself seemed present, reaffirming to me the reality of this special member of the Godhead and his role in testifying of truth. Indeed, in that moment, I felt the spirit and the peace that only the Holy Ghost can bring.

How could I *possibly* be concerned after that? It was to be just a simple talk, just me opening my mouth to share with Madison and the others at her baptism what had been affirmed to me to be true on many occasions—and again then, more than ever.

The peace and comfort remained as I prepared and as I stood to share my remarks. At one point, I called Madison to come to the front, wrapped her in a comforter and told her that while that comforter felt warm and peaceful and soothing, the gift of the Comforter she would soon receive would be even more so—it would be more comforting, lifting, healing, blessing and more helpful in helping her find answers—at all times and in all places and in all things.

Then I felt it again, the Comforter I've been blessed was ratifying the truth with an outpouring of liquid warmth, with peace, and with what I can only describe as sheer joy. I was definitely happy to be there and so grateful I was asked to speak that day.

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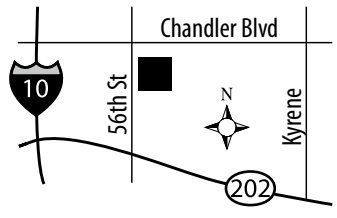

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Labor *of* Love

Construction of The Gila Valley Arizona Temple fulfilled prophecies and became a labor of love for several local artisans

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Some members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Gila Valley—whose ancestors settled the area and who have grown up there—have been aware of early prophecies and have looked forward, for generations, to having a temple in their midst.

"Ever since the Saints came in 1879 to settle in Pima they have looked forward to this," says Keith Crockett, Gila Valley Temple president.

Others who have moved into the area more recently—and even many business, religious and community leaders who are not members of the Church—have felt the same excitement and anticipation as they consider the impact the temple will have.

Then there are those in the area who have already had a chance to see the temple from a different viewpoint as they have contributed their skills to the building of the temple.

The Gila Valley Temple, the third temple in Arizona, was announced April 26, 2008. Construction was formally initiated with groundbreaking services on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Even before the groundbreaking, however, one local company had already spent a great deal of time on the temple site.

"We were the civil engineers and land

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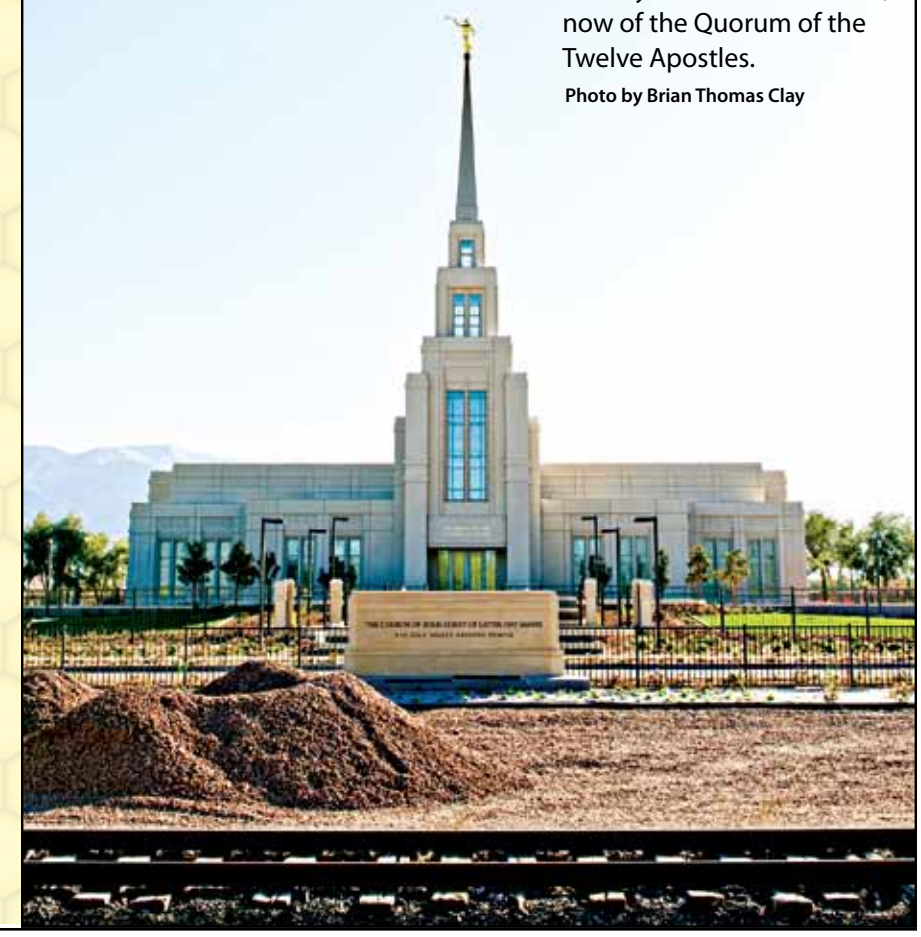

Construction on The Gila Valley Temple formally began on February 14, 2009, with a groundbreaking and site dedication presided over by Elder Neil Andersen, now of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

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surveyor of record, even before the site was announced," says Tom Palmer, of the Thatcher 7th Ward, Thatcher Stake, a principal with PLS Group, along with Reed Larsen and Chris Scorse. "By the time we got involved, the site in Central had been identified by the First Presidency as the preferred site," Tom says.

PLS Group was tasked with making sure the site could work in terms of traffic, water, sewer and environmental concerns. They were also involved in planning and zoning, including the zoning clarifications that needed to be made to accommodate the temple's height.

Tom says, even when it came to considerations about the railroad crossing and highway permits, "Each one could have been months of time to get permits and so forth, but it all just fell into place and went incredibly smooth."

Tom says working on the temple was "different than any other job. To some degree, we were going through the same steps, but we were being held—and holding ourselves—to much higher standards through the whole process."

In addition, there were definitely times that he felt a sense of the purpose of his work.

"We were on the site quite a bit before construction started," he said. "One day, I was there right before the sun went down and I just had this overwhelming feeling and the thought that, 'I'm standing where a temple soon will be.'"

One thing Tom enjoyed most about being on the project was seeing the "pioneer concepts" and cutting-edge technology and construction methods, including the use of architectural pre-cast panels that were shipped to the temple site from Utah.

"Being an engineer, that was fascinating to me," he says. "Using these panels, it meant the building went from a skeleton to looking like a finished exterior in about three weeks. I just watched that in awe."

Tom adds, "There are a lot of engineering companies and we don't know the reasons we were chosen … but, for whatever reason, somehow, we hope that something we did made a difference. There's no doubt it made a difference in our lives."

Aaron and Rhett Dodge agree. The brothers, both from Thatcher Stake, are co-owners of Boulevard Glass and were hired to do all the glass for the new temple.

"It was a hard job—it was so big. But, Rhett and I felt that with everything we've done, the Lord's hand has definitely been helping us," Aaron says.

Window pieces were constructed in Salt Lake by an artist named Juergen Dzierzon. According to Aaron and Rhett, patterns seen throughout the temple, including on the pre-cast exterior panels, have been incorporated into the window patterns.

Some glass is colored yellow and light blue, much of it is textured, all of the windows are four pieces of glass thick and are set in "a frame system that

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For The Gila Valley Temple, Rhett and Aaron Dodge, co-owners of Boulevard Glass, in Thatcher, were hired to place the 60 windows, with a total of 295 individual art glass panes.

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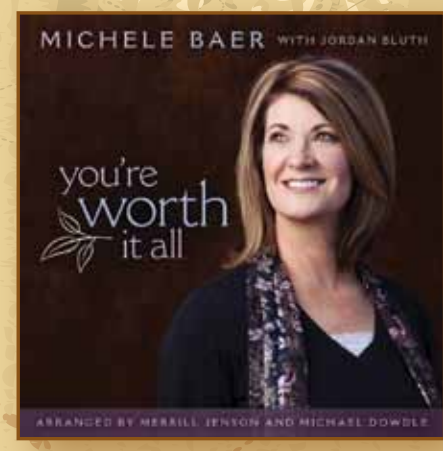

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is quite different, with a custom look on the edge," Rhett says.

Aaron adds, "It's beautiful and also energy efficient. The outside aluminum never touches the inside, so the heat is not transferred from outside to the inside."

The job itself was monumental enough that the brothers initially turned down the opportunity to bid.

"We talked about it, went back and forth and decided 'no,'" Rhett says. But as soon as they sent a fax declining, "We just didn't feel good about the decision."

"We knew anything was possible with the Lord, so we called and told them we would like to submit a bid," Aaron says.

Now, they're extremely glad they did.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," they say. "We really don't know why we were able to be so blessed as to work on this house of the Lord."

Aaron and Rhett, with a crew of two or three others, installed a total of 60 windows in the temple, with 295 individual art glass panes. The Celestial Room windows alone have 63 individual panes of glass.

In addition to working with the unique framing system, they took time and extra care to place the windows so the patterns would be perfectly "matched and lined up correctly"

"Being that it's the Lord's house, we would rather be overdoing it than not," Aaron says.

To allow them time to work on the temple, the brothers asked their father, Bruce, former owner of Boulevard Glass, to "come out of retirement and run the shop for us," Aaron says.

Through it all, Rhett says, "I drew a lot of strength from Elder [Neil] Andersen's prayer he gave at the groundbreaking. He specially blessed the construction workers' hands and blessed them that they would be supported. I even had the video on my computer and I listened to that many times. I definitely have seen that we were blessed and were able to do more than our normal capacity."

"We could see the hand of the Lord helping us out in many small things," Aaron says.

Edith and Gary Austin, of the Thatcher 2nd Ward, Thatcher Stake, were hired to do decorative painting and gold leafing inside the temple. "I'm an artist and my husband has done some house painting, but nothing like what we did on the temple," Edith says.

They applied to work with Allen Decorative Painting, out of New Mexico, after their son saw an inquiry on Facebook. From that chance association to the experience they've had, "It has just been absolutely so amazing," Edith says. "It's just been a thrill for us to be able to do it."

The Austins felt a special spirit in the temple.

"It is so beautiful and it's just full of joy," Edith says. "From the moment we stepped through the door the first time, we could feel we were in the house of the Lord."

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Facts about the Temples in Arizona

The Mesa Arizona Temple
- First temple in Arizona. It was the seventh operating temple and the first outside of Utah in the continental United States.
- Announced October 3, 1919.
- Groundbreaking November 28, 1921, presided over by Heber J. Grant.
- Dedicated October 23-26, 1927, by Heber J. Grant.
- Originally named the Arizona Temple. The Mesa Temple was the first to present the endowment in a language other than English, with the first Spanish session presented in 1945.
- The Mesa Temple has four endowment rooms and a total floor area of 113,916 square feet.
- Built of concrete, reinforced with 130 tons of steel and exterior faced with glazed, eggshell-colored terra cotta tiles. Carved friezes decorate each corner top of the temple, depicting Isaiah's prophecy of the Lord gathering His people in the last days from the four corners of the earth.

The Snowflake Arizona Temple
- Second temple in Arizona, and the Church's 108th operating temple.
- Announced April 2, 2000.
- Groundbreaking and site dedication September 23, 2000, by Rex D. Pinegar.
- Dedication March 2002, by Gordon B. Hinckley.
- Patterned after the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple, the two-level Snowflake Temple has a two-toned exterior finish of polished granite quarried in China.
- The Snowflake Temple has two ordinance rooms and two sealing rooms and a total of 18,621 square feet.

The Gila Valley Temple
- Third temple in Arizona.
- Announced April 26, 2008,
- Groundbreaking February 14, 2009, by Neil L. Andersen.
- The temple exterior is architectural precast stone and the temple has a single-spire design.
- The general contractor for the temple was Jacobsen Construction Company Inc., based in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- On September 22, 2009, the spire and a gold-leafed statue of the Angel Moroni were installed, taking the temple to its final height and form.
- The total floor area is 18,561 square feet.
- The Gila Valley Temple has two ordinance rooms and two sealing rooms.
- The Gila Valley Temple will be dedicated in three sessions on May 23, 2010, by Thomas S. Monson

The Gilbert Arizona Temple
- Fourth temple in Arizona
- Announced April 26, 2008.
- On September 29, 2009, the Gilbert Town Council unanimously passed the plan amendment and zoning classification change necessary to permit construction of the temple.
- A groundbreaking date is yet to be announced.

The Phoenix Arizona Temple
- Fifth temple in Arizona
- Announced May 24, 2008.
- The temple has yet to pass zoning and planning requirements.
- A groundbreaking date is yet to be announced.

Crocheting from the HEART

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

At age seven, Brenda Brown was told she had a brain tumor, and, although doctors were able to remove the mass before her eighth birthday, the life-saving procedure was not without consequence. She was told she would live a long life, but would do so without her sight.

Sister Brown currently lives a quiet, but happy, active life in Safford, Arizona. She has been married to her husband, Michael, for 19 years, and has been crocheting since she was 10 years old.

Although at first her blindness prevented her from learning to crochet, she eventually learned with the help of two older cousins; and she hated it.

"I didn't like it because mostly what I was taught on was granny squares, and they don't have much of a direction," Brown explained. "I wasn't taught the basic stitches, I was just taught 'this is how you make a granny square.'"

Then, when she was sixteen years old, she was no longer able to ignore crocheting thanks to a persuasive aunt, and a crocheted doll. From the moment her aunt brought the doll home, Brown's disinterest in crocheting began to fade, albeit extremely slowly, into a passion for the art.

Brown herself wasn't interested in crocheting a doll, but in a naïve act of generosity, agreed to make one for her mother.

"I didn't like doing it. I didn't like making that doll!" Brown laughed.

But apparently news of cute dolls travels fast in Safford, and requests began to roll in. One doll turned into two dolls, and two turned into four, and before she knew it Sister Brown had begun a lifetime career of self-taught crocheting.

Since she learned the doll pattern, Brown has acquired an entire repertoire of unique crochet patterns, some of which she creates on her own.

She makes cupcake purses, stuffed animals, doll clothes, hamburgers, other random food items for kitchen sets and baby things.

"I've also designed my own baby booties that I've posted on a Web site," Brown said.

That bootie pattern, titled "Best Ever Booties" has made quite a stir since she posted them on the crochet-centered Web site, www.crochetville.com. Crochetville visitors are raving about the pattern, and it has begun popping up on other Web sites and personal blogs around the world.

Sites such as CraftyCottage.com, and MyHQ.com by KrochetKathy have set up links to CrochetVille so their visitors can find the pattern.

Personal blogger, Natrah Norlin, a young mother living in Malaysia, has posted a picture on her blog of the booties she made using Brown's pattern.

While the baby booties are one of the most popular things Brown makes, they are by no means the largest.

In 1996, Brown was fortunate enough to receive a Priesthood blessing from President Thomas S. Monson, who was then the first counselor in the First Presidency. After the blessing, she decided to show her immense gratitude in the best way she knew how: to crochet a five and a half-foot, stuffed alligator and deliver it to him in person.

"Everybody thinks that he's so different because of his calling, but when I walked into his office with a giant alligator, his response was like everyone else's; he put his hand in the alligator's open mouth and said, 'Ah! It's eating me; it's got me by the arm!' and I realized he was human!" Brown said.

Even though she makes it look so easy, Sister Brown understands from experience the challenge that blind people have to overcome to learn to crochet. The biggest of which is a lack of patterns in Braille.

She donates a lot of her time using her self-dubbed "talking computer" and Braille embossing printer to help her friend of twenty years, Marjorie Arnott, who compiles Braille patterns for knitting and crocheting.

"When I met Brenda she didn't know much about life, but she's come a long way since then," Arnott said. "She does a lot of volunteer work, and all sorts of things."

Sister Brown uses her talents to continually contribute to her church and civic communities.

For the past three years, Brown has donated a lot of her time to the Christmas House fundraiser as charity Chairwoman. She donates her crocheted creations to sell in order to raise money for the Mount Graham Regional Medical Center.

Under request from the Church, Brown donated one of her crocheted sweaters to the Gila Valley Temple as a contribution from her Stake.

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Eric Hancock, his wife Emily, and their children (from L-R): Jessica 17, Emma 10, Holly 13, Levi 8, Sara 17. Eric is continuing a family tradition of building quality manufactured homes in the Gila Valley that was started when his parents Ivan and Kathryn opened their first mobile home park in 1968 just east of Safford.

Photo courtesy of Hancock Home Center

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

In 1968, in the Arizona Gila Valley, an unassuming young couple, Ivan and Kathryn Hancock settled down to start a family and a housing business that would change the town of Safford forever.

When Ivan Hancock moved his growing family back to his hometown of Safford, he was already an established entrepreneur, having built a successful, 55-space mobile home park in Glendale, Arizona.

However, unsatisfied with one success, Ivan and his wife planned to build a second mobile home park in Safford, and then to return to Glendale upon its completion.

According to the Hancock Home Center Web site, after the Hancocks completed the Safford park, which they named "Ivanhoe," they simply didn't want to leave. So, they settled down to watch their business and their family grow, and thus began the legacy of Hancock manufactured homes in Safford.

Hancock Home Center does more than build mobile home parks. One part of the company builds and sells affordable, quality manufactured homes and helps buyers find land on which to place their home, while the other part of the company builds subdivisions, such as "Ivanhoe," where customers can buy lots to place their recently purchased house.

The impact the Hancock family has had on Safford is by no means small. For six decades now, the Hancocks have made it their goal to provide affordable housing they can be proud of, because in a small town, there is no such thing as anonymity.

"Throughout the years my parents have always tried to go the extra mile with every sale and make sure every customer is happy, because those customers are their friends and neighbors," said Eric Hancock, current owner of Hancock Home Centers.

Eric Hancock, born in 1970, was the fourth son born to Ivan and Kathryn, and since 2008 has owned and operated the Hancock Home Center business. He has been assisting his parents with the business for much longer.

"I have been involved in the family business in one way or another since I was a very little kid," Hancock said. "From pulling weeds to taking rent in the office."

In 1996 Eric became involved with the home sales part of the business. Now, as the owner of this successful company, a family man and an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he has many different responsibilities.

"I manage the day-to-day operations of Hancock Home Center," Hancock said. "My wife is busy with our five kids at home, and doesn't have time to get involved much in the business."

Eric Hancock and his wife, Emily,

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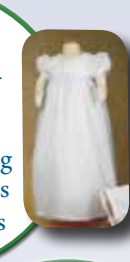

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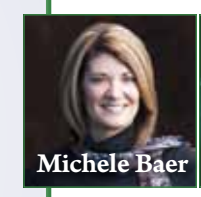

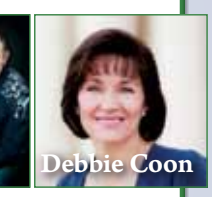

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Helen R. Cole of Thatcher, who has compiled numerous family histories, believes no one ever really dies, unless they're forgotten.

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Thatcher Woman Learns to Love

Family History

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

In 1983, Ladd Mullenaux, who was then the Mayor of Thatcher, asked Helen R. Cole of Thatcher 3rd Ward to write the centennial book of the city's history. Helen's first reaction was shock.

"I had never done anything like it—I hadn't even been on the annual staff in high school. I didn't have any credentials to do anything like this, and so I told him I'd try and find somebody else," she says.

Sometime later Helen was contemplating the centennial book when her great-grandfather, Samuel Claridge, appeared in a vision and asked her to do the book for him.

"Well, what could I do?" says Helen. "I recognized him from his pictures—I knew who he was."

This project started a lifelong love for writing family histories.

"I love learning about the people," she says. "Since I started the books in 1983, I just keep tripping over mother's research; she was a historian and had everything under the sun that had anything to do with anything around here. She did her genealogy in perfect long sheets—all documented with about 20,000 names." Helen completed it after her mother passed away and now has several large volumes of cards for ancestors who've had their temple work done.

Helen has had many spiritual experiences while writing family histories. She relates that once a paper kept blowing against her leg. It was a program for the church dedication, and it gave her the perfect format for the Thatcher Centennial book.

After completing her third book, Helen began to understand why her great-grandfather wanted her to start. At a family reunion in 1987, with approximately 650 people in attendance, Helen and her cousins celebrated the completion of two books—one on Samuel Claridge compiled by her cousin, George, and the other one on Samuel's children, compiled by Helen. Since then, she has compiled life histories for eight of Samuel Claridge's descendents, 11 for other individuals and several more for communities and schools.

Though she didn't know it at the outset, most of her projects tie in to her own family. "I really am, in some way, related to every person that's in these books," she says.

Helen works on family history books in what she calls her "magic room," where she builds them page by page leaving spaces for pictures. "I'm not computer literate enough to do it all on the computer," says Helen. "I do it the old-fashioned way."

The room got its name because of the special experiences she's had while doing family history. "You just can't believe what happens in that magic room," says Sister Cole. Once, when she was having a difficult time finding information about a particular person, she looked up and saw a book out of place. When she went to straighten it, the woman's obituary fell out—reading it helped Helen learn more about her. "Since the first book, I've felt the pioneers were right on my shoulders," says Helen. "It's made me feel a lot of faith that they're close—somebody is up there watching, and they want it."

Now compiling her 25th book, Helen's advice to those wanting to start a family history is, "Just start it and keep at it. Set aside a time just like a church calling—just gather your stuff up. You don't need to start it with 'I was born…' just make a note of when and what it was, put it on a piece of paper and put it in a box. Then work on it when you get the time. President Kimball said that one of the most important things is to leave your life-story with your posterity."

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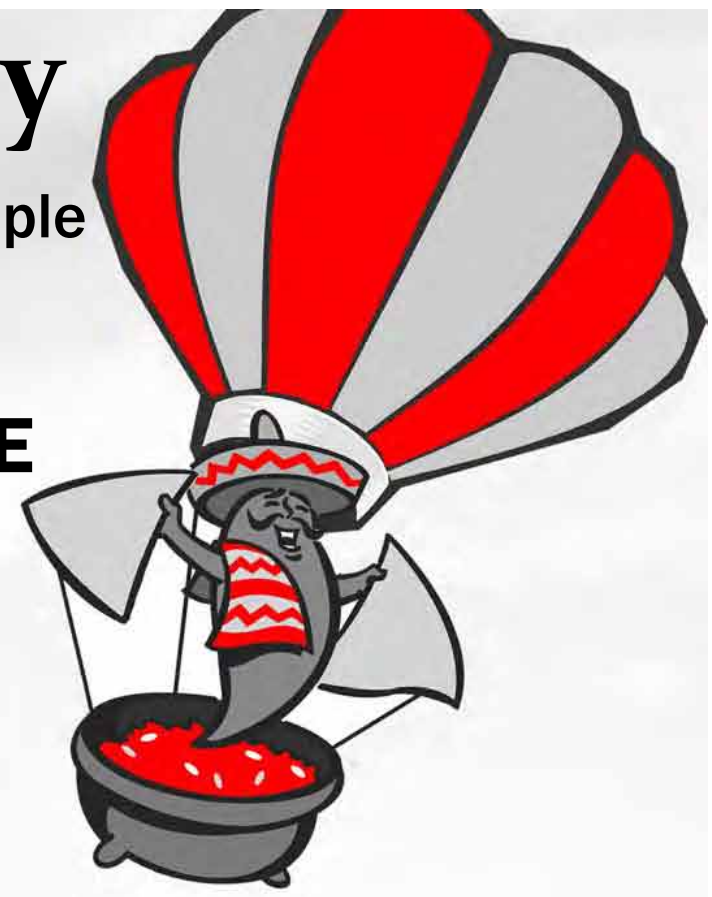

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met at Eastern Arizona College in 1987 where they began dating. After Eric returned from a full-time mission in Korea, and Emily returned from a mission in Florida, they were engaged and then sealed in the Mesa, Arizona Temple.

Now, as members of the Solomonville Ward in the Safford Stake, they are excited to be able to tell their five children that someday they could be sealed in the Gila Valley Temple.

"Actually having a temple in our midst is truly humbling," Hancock said. "It is something our family has looked forward to and talked about for many, many years."

Since Hancock took over the business for his parents, Ivan and Kathryn came up with an idea for another mobile home park, one unlike any other they had built in the past.

Stone Willow is the newest Hancock Home Center housing project, started by Ivan and Kathryn in their semi-retirement.

Citing the development's landscaping, location and the quality of the factory built homes, Hancock emphasized the unique nature of this new development.

"There are a couple other subdivisions with manufactured homes," Hancock said, "but none anywhere near the caliber of Stone Willow."

The success of Hancock Home Centers can be attributed to more than the innovation and quality of the mobile home parks and factory-built homes the company provides.

According to Hancock, their business is still around because they listened to the prophet and have avoided unnecessary debt, while trying not to overextend the company.

"We have a lot of business that's word of mouth that's kind of kept us alive," Hancock said. "We've had just enough to keep us going, and we've been really thankful and feel blessed that we've had that."

More than anything, the Hancock family is glad that the rest of the world is starting to realize what a beautiful place the Gila Valley is; something that the Hancocks have known for generations.

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A lot of their painting was on the ceiling, some they often were on scaffolding, and much of what they did was "very time consuming."

One project in particular, a three-dimensional frieze, "took us nearly 400 hours, three solid weeks of working on that alone," Edith says.

Yet, she quickly adds, "It was a very, very neat experience to see the process of what it takes to get a temple ready for the Lord. Everything is done with such exactness and precision."

"We feel really blessed that it's come in our generation and we're thrilled and humbled that we could be a small part of it," she says.

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Young Men's Lives Are Changed Through LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Photo provided by David Konopnicki.

Ezra Payne, one of the Boy Scouts who participated in last year's National Youth Leadership Training course, gives a PowerPoint presentation to a group of his peers on setting smart goals.

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

Every summer, young men between the ages of 14 to 17—Boy Scouts from the Grand Canyon Council—converge for the annual National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

Attorney Michael Peterson, of Safford, who is a Scoutmaster for the NYLT course, explains, "The program has been available for several years under the name of 'Silver Axe.' The name change is designed to help raise awareness for the program."

NYLT is offered by the Boy Scouts of America and is run at the council level. It's intended to provide standardized, in-depth training covering a number of leadership ideas and skills—including goal setting, planning and problem solving, making ethical decisions and team development.

"It's amazing to watch 15-year-olds who have gone through the program stand in front of a group of 80 of their peers and give a 90-minute PowerPoint presentation with confidence, power and authority," says Safford businessman, David Konopnicki, one of four NYLT assistant Scoutmasters.

In order to participate, the young men need to have earned their First Class Scout rank or higher and be at least 13 years old.

"We strongly discourage the younger boys because their physical and emotional immaturity would lessen the value they receive from attending," says David.

The five-day training is run by boys who have previously completed the

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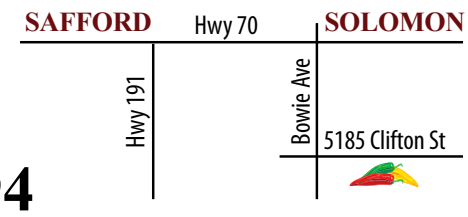

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Young Men's Lives are Changed
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course successfully. They've held the training at places like the R Bar C Ranch near Payson, and the Methodist camp on Mt Graham.

For the training, young men are organized in groups similar to a Boy Scout troop, with patrols of approximately eight boys. Each patrol elects its own patrol leader. A youth staff leader is assigned to each patrol to coach and mentor the patrol leader.

Youth leaders are trained over four weekend sessions, and there are 15 youth-leaders for every six adult leaders.

"The adult leaders are there to act as mentors for the youth leaders, to keep them on track and to ensure the rules of safety are being observed," says David. "The principles taught are the ones used in the business world and are relevant for the adults as well. It's been helpful for me as a businessman and leader."

According to Brother Peterson and Brother Konopnicki, in the three years they've been involved, they've been constantly amazed as they see young men learn who they are and come to understand that the only limits to what they can do are self-imposed. They watch the young men make quiet, deliberate changes in themselves and resolve to improve their lives and their futures.

"We've received a good deal of positive feedback from parents," says Michael.

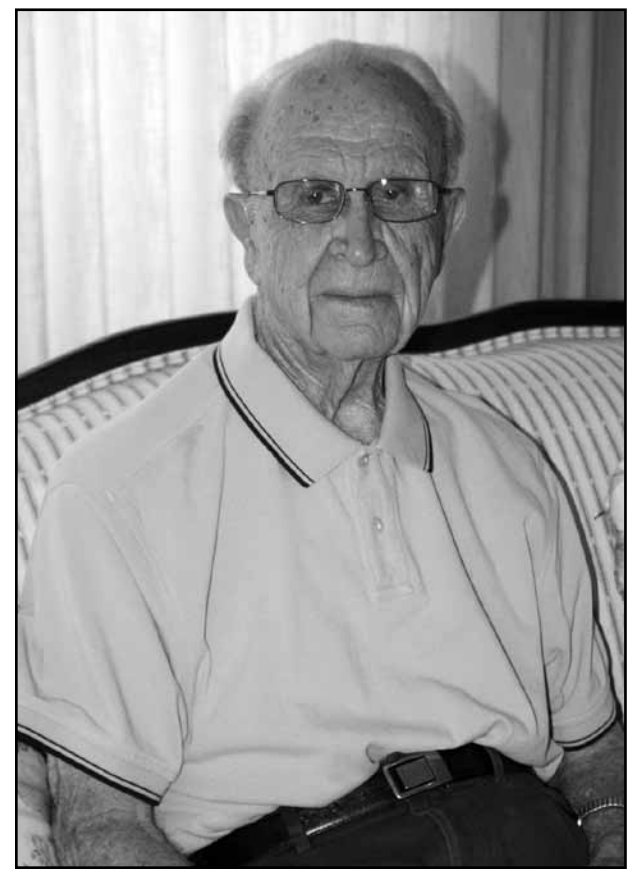
The participants are able to attend more than once; however, Michael and David say the most significant learning comes when youth return the following year to serve as leaders. Of the 15 youth leaders who will run this year's course, some are serving on staff for the third time. The program is so successful that there is a waiting list of youth who would like to serve on staff.

"In my view, nothing is more important in the life of a young man than taking personal responsibility for every aspect of his future," says Michael. "This course provides the information to empower young men to develop their own God-given talents and translate their own potential into reality."

For more information about NYLT, visit www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=62&id=36123.

92-Year-Old Gila Valley Civic Leader Reflects on "Zion"

By Rene Allen
The Beehive



Grant Greenhalgh, 92, now of Tucson, has fond memories of growing up in the Gila Valley and of knowing and working in partnership with Spencer W. Kimball.

Photo by Rene Allen

While many have heard stories about Spencer W. Kimball's ties to the Gila Valley, few know them like Grant Greenhalgh.

Brother Greenhalgh, 92, now a member of the Campbell Ward, Tucson Stake, knew President Kimball personally and even worked with him.

Recently, sitting at his dining room table in Tucson and reviewing a copy of his newly published life story, Brother Greenhalgh shared memories of his life and his association with President Kimball.

Born in Safford in 1918 to Joseph and Loney Greenhalgh, Grant eventually became a business and church leader in the area. Grant's father and Spencer W. Kimball were partners in the Kimball-Greenhalgh agency. After Grant's father died, for two years before President Kimball was called as an apostle in 1943, Grant himself took up the partnership.

Among Grant's memories of living in the Gila Valley are experiences he had as a young Aaronic Priesthood holder when his

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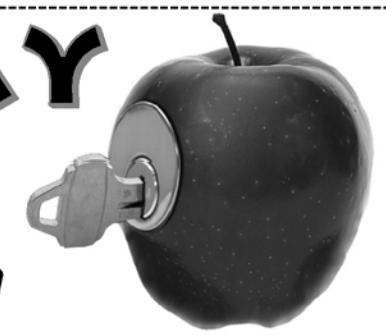

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father was bishop of the only ward in Safford. He recalls having a bad attitude about Church because he had friends who were not Church members who did things Grant couldn't do because his conscience bothered him. One day, he told his dad he wasn't going to church.

"Fine," said his father. "You have your agency so I will give you a couple of choices. You can go to Sunday School or stay home and chop enough wood to fill the wood box for mother's stove."

"But I thought we weren't supposed to work on Sunday," Grant said.

"Well, we each must choose who we will serve and the devil has nothing against working on Sunday." By the time the wood box was full, Grant knew he had made the wrong decision.

Grant also recalls, as a youth, hearing a talk by President Kimball, then the St. Joseph Stake clerk. The talk touched Grant deeply.

"I remember how strong the Spirit was. I can still remember now how I felt then," he said.

After serving a mission in Holland, Grant returned to the Gila Valley. He worked for Kimball-Greenhalgh in the afternoons and, from 5 a.m. until noon, he worked as a civilian flight instructor, teaching navel cadets to fly.

In 1948, Kimball-Greenhalgh Insurance and Realty Company became the first title insurance company in Graham and Greenlee counties. In 1959, the company split three ways into Emil Crocket Insurance Agency, Brinkerhoff Real Estate, and Grant's Safford Title and Trust Company. This was the precursor to Grant's 30-year career with First Phoenix Title then Transamerica Title.

After serving as bishop of the Safford 2nd Ward for six years, Grant was called to be second counselor to LeVar Reed of the Mt. Graham Stake. While attending General Conference as a presidency, the men encountered President Kimball and his secretary, Brother Haycock. President Kimball, using the name he often used to refer to the Gila Valley, said to Brother Haycock, "I would like you to meet these people from 'Zion.'"

In 1980, President Kimball said, "We look to the day when the sacred ordinances of the Church, performed in temples, will be available to all members of the Church in convenient locations around the globe."

"Now," Grant says, "there is a temple in his beloved Gila Valley."

Grant believes the people of "Zion" are prepared for the temple. After all, "There are nearly 200 in the area who have already worked in either the Mesa or Albuquerque temples."

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Musical Artists Share their Talents at Concert in Safford and on New CDs

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Two female musical artists and a men's trio known as Three2U—all with recently released albums—will appear in concert at the Safford Center for the Arts May 15. Hosted by Bookworms bookstore, The Wonderful Evening of Inspiration concert will include Debbie West Coon, Michele Baer and Three2U, with Richard Talbot, Joe Tenney and John Buehner.

The singers had a special purpose in putting together this concert.

"We hope to lift, comfort and inspire your life," Debbie says. "We will be singing and sharing some stories behind some of the songs on our recently released CD projects."

Debbie's latest CD, "You Are Loved," is recognized as "positive, contemporary and inspirational." Her first CD, "Come and Never Leave," has been well received and appreciated by listeners as well. Michele Baer, known for her rich tonal qualities and captivating melodies, inspires listeners with her performances and CDs, including her latest release, "You're Worth it All."

The trio, Three2U, captured their spirit-filled and energetic music has been captured on their recently released CD.

For discount (half-price) tickets for the May 15th concert, contact Bookworms at 928-428-8089. The five singers will also be available at Bookworms on Friday, May 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., for a singing and signing party.

These artists are available for firesides, concerts and other events. To contact Debbie Coon, visit www.DebbieWestCoon.com or call 480-236-3151. For Michele Baer, visit www.MicheleBaer.com or call 480-200-5966. Three2U can be reached at www.Three2U.com or by calling Joe Tenney at 480-857-6056.

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Graham County Chamber of Commerce Sees Impact Temple Could Have on the Area

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

" The impact will be monetary, but spiritual as well. People driving by the area are going to be blessed just by it [the Temple] being there."

For more than eight decades, since it was first organized on April 12, 1926, the Graham County Chamber of Commerce has worked to foster increased unity among the communities, help businesses grow, attract new businesses to the area and interest tourists in visiting the county's attractions.

Now, "the new temple in the area is going to do a whole lot of good for that too," says Marie Freestone, Interim CEO for the Chamber.

While not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Marie says, "I couldn't be happier to see the temple come to our area."

She says it is not only beautiful, and a "real enhancement," but, in addition, "Everybody is counting on it bring more people to our area."

The impact, Marie says, will be "monetary, but spiritual as well. People driving by the area are going to be blessed just by it being there."

"What I think will happen," she says, "is that the temple will draw people from surrounding areas who will want to move here. They're going to feel the Spirit of the Lord here."

She adds, "People like rural areas like this. It's a great place to raise kids and we have the desert, mountains, river and hot springs—so much diversity with what you can do."

She says the 400 businesses that are Graham County Chamber of Commerce members are looking forward to the influx of visitors during the temple's public open house as well as the ongoing visits from people who will be attending the temple from outside the immediate area.

"These are people who, for the most part, have a high standard of living who will be going and sitting in the restaurants here. We believe they will be happy shoppers, polite customers."

Along with shopping and eating at local restaurants, the Chamber members hope visitors to the temple will also take in some of these other sites and attractions:

The Salsa Trail has 15 sites—13 restaurants, a tortilla factory and a chile farm—for visitors to enjoy.

The Mt. Graham Observatory boasts the "number one telescope in the world in terms of importance." One of the newest and best scopes anywhere, it sees 10 times further than the Hubble telescope. Guided tours are available during part of the year.

Natural hot mineral springs dot the area and the largest copper-producing mine in the United States is in Graham County.

The Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Center offers information, including brochures describing and mapping out the Salsa Trail, mine tours, hiking trails and historic walking and driving tours. One brochure, in particular, Marie says, describes the more than 300 types of birds that can be seen in the area.

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Students walk on the grounds of Eastern Arizona College. The College was chartered by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1888.

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

Amidst the rural simplicity of the Gila Valley lies an institution of education with strong - albeit often forgotten - ties to early LDS Church history, as well as ties to the history of the Gila Valley itself.

Resting in its home of Thatcher, Arizona, Eastern Arizona College doesn't look overtly grand or impressive. It doesn't have the architecture or the prestige of Brigham Young University, but much like the Provo, Utah campus, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints initially sponsored this remote school of higher learning.

In 1888, the LDS Church chartered the formation of Eastern Arizona College, long before Arizona had received its statehood. At that time, pioneers established the school as the St. Joseph Stake Academy, and classes began December 8, 1890 in a local church building in Central, Arizona.

According to the school's historical record, "The majority of the students lived in Thatcher and the travel time required to make the journey to Central proved burdensome. Early the next spring, the academy was moved to an adobe building in Thatcher, but within a year, the school had outgrown this building. Consequently in 1891, the fledgling academy moved from the one room adobe to a new brick building (known as the Tithing Building) built by Christopher Layton, where it remained for 16 years. The school was largely successful during its first years of existence, yet struggled financially. Although, many teachers and administrators took much of their pay in farm produce, the academy was seriously in debt by 1895. That December, an epidemic of diphtheria and membranous croup struck the valley claiming many children's lives and forcing the school to close for three weeks. When it reopened, attendance faltered and, in February of 1896, the school closed its doors for four years."

The record continues, "Despite this setback, the board decided in the spring of 1898 to construct a $1,500 addition to the tithing building and reopen the school in September 1898 under the direction of the new Church Stake President Andrew Kimball. Then, as now, school officials emphasized a curriculum that would be of practical benefit to students. Telegraphy was a popular class now that Morse code messages could be sent over newly strung telegraph lines. Engineering, shorthand, typing, and practical business classes drew students from throughout the Arizona territory."

The name of the college changed over the years as it outgrew several locations, closed and reopened, and watched students and faculty endure wars and epidemics. Once it emerged from the tumult, in 1966 it was given the name by which it is currently known.

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Eastern Arizona College
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The Church officially relinquished ownership of the school in 1932. At that time, residents who recognized the important role the college played in the community voted to keep the school open and support it locally.

"The town has grown up with the college, or I guess you could say the college has grown up with the town," said Todd Haynie, director of marketing and public relations at EAC. "Because of the college I think the town certainly benefits from the influx of ideas and the influx of people."

Today, Eastern Arizona College is a successful, accredited community college, serving 3,458 full-time and part-time students from all over the world.

"We service a specific two-county area, but we get students from all over the place," Haynie said. "We get students from the surrounding states; from California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, even down to Mexico."

It might seem unbelievable that such a small community college would draw such a varied student population, including the student athletes who, according to Haynie, arrive from all over the world.

However, EAC has a long-standing tradition of offering classes that would be of the most use to its students, and the price of tuition doesn't hurt either.

As of April 2010, the cost of a semester's tuition at Eastern Arizona College is $760. Compare that to the $2,000 to $20,000 that some students pay each semester at other colleges and universities, and the appeal of EAC is understandable.

The school also provides a community program for students over the age of 55; they can take courses for free if they choose. "They come and take tennis, they come and take quilting, they come and take biology, astronomy; you know, just personal interest classes," Haynie said. "That idea of life long learning really applies here."

The campus not only offers life long learning opportunities for its older residents, but for the last 118 years, has acted as the cultural glue of the Gila Valley, bringing residents from all over to plays, art exhibits, sporting events and classical music performances.

"We're a rural area, supported mainly by cotton farming and mining," Haynie said. "But the ideas and the events that happen because the college is here, it really brings the community together."

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Mesa Couple Celebrates 75TH Wedding Anniversary

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Ross Fish, 90, and his wife, Bernadine, 91, of the Miller Ward, Mesa Stake, recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary, surrounded by approximately 100 friends and family members.

The couple was married March 9, 1935, in Show Low and sealed in the Mesa Temple in 1946.

Their daughter, Pam Tyler, of the Harmony Ward, Mesa South Stake, shares some details of her parents' wedding day. She says the couple was living in Lakeside at the time. "Dad's parents drove mom and dad to Holbrook to get their license and then stopped in Show Low on the way back at the home of Bishop John L. Willis. He was out in the field and came in the house in his irrigation boots and married mom and dad in his living room—with his boots still on!"

"On the way back to Lakeside, they slid off the road in the snowstorm and had to find someone with a team of horses to pull them back on the road."

With that beginning, and with a lot of hard work, family fun and music, they've managed to continue down the road of life together for 75 years, raising three daughters—Pam, Pat Mobley and Debbie Brock—and three sons—Dwight, Mike and Errol (now deceased).

Ross was born in 1919 in Lakeside, the grandson of John Lazelle Fish, one of the original settlers in the Pinetop/Lakeside area. Ross served in WWII and was in Hiroshima and Nagasaki shortly after the bombings.

Like his father, Ross worked in the sawmills of northern Arizona and in the winters would find work in the Valley. He and Bernadine moved their family to Mesa in 1952.

"He was a hard worker," Pam says. "His father, my grandfather, had been burned out of four or five sawmills and they learned how to rebuild, to work hard."

Ross continues to be active.

"Still to this day, he can't sit still," Pam says.

He works around the house and walks his little dog, Mooney, for a couple of miles every day.

Bernadine worked hard, too, both at home and as a businesswoman.

Born in Pinetop in 1918, she, too, had pioneer ancestors. Bernadine's great grandfather, Edmund Lovell Ellsworth, led the first handcart company.

After moving to Mesa, "she owned a dress store called BerMilla Fashions, with our next door neighbor, Mildred Charles," Pam says.

Later, she owned and ran a health food store in Mesa.

Life at home required hard work as well.

"We couldn't just run out for fast food. We had to go cut the head off a chicken, pluck it and cook it. Mom canned a lot, we had a big garden, butchered our own cows," Pam says.

With the work, came the fun of singing and playing together in a family dance band.

"Dad played drums, grandpa played the violin, grandma played banjo and mom played bass," Pam says. Her uncles played sax and trumpet and an aunt played the piano.

Bernadine and Ross provided valuable lessons and good examples of Church service.

Ross was Scoutmaster and served with the young men for many years. He served as a stake missionary, priest quorum advisor and ward teaching supervisor. Bernadine was a long-time Primary President and also taught Relief Society. The couple served together as dance directors and, "Lately they have been teaching the temple prep classes," Pam says. "They taught us to stay close to God, do what He says and do what's right and things will work out for you."

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At the 75th wedding anniversary party for Ross and Bernadine Fish, their daughter-in-law, Marilyn Fish (r), with her granddaughter, Mary, pose with the guests of honor, Bernadine and Ross.

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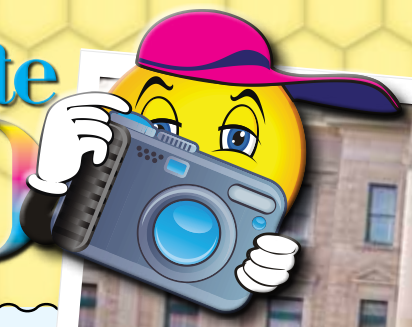

For one of their activity days, the girls from the Mesa Lehi Hillside Ward visited the Arizona capitol building on February 20. They stood in line for two hours to see a copy of the Declaration of Independence. As part of this fun and educational activity, they also enjoyed chocolate chip cookies. The girls who attended are (L-R) Eliza Carroll, Savanna Sanford, Victoria Ellsworth, Alandra Cruse, Mary Goss, Hannah Gray, Abby Carroll and Sophia Carroll. Bailee Shupe was also present, but not shown. Leaders are Celeste Hubbard, Kay Bagley, Joan Sowards and Shiloh Gooch.

Photo courtesy of Joan Sowards

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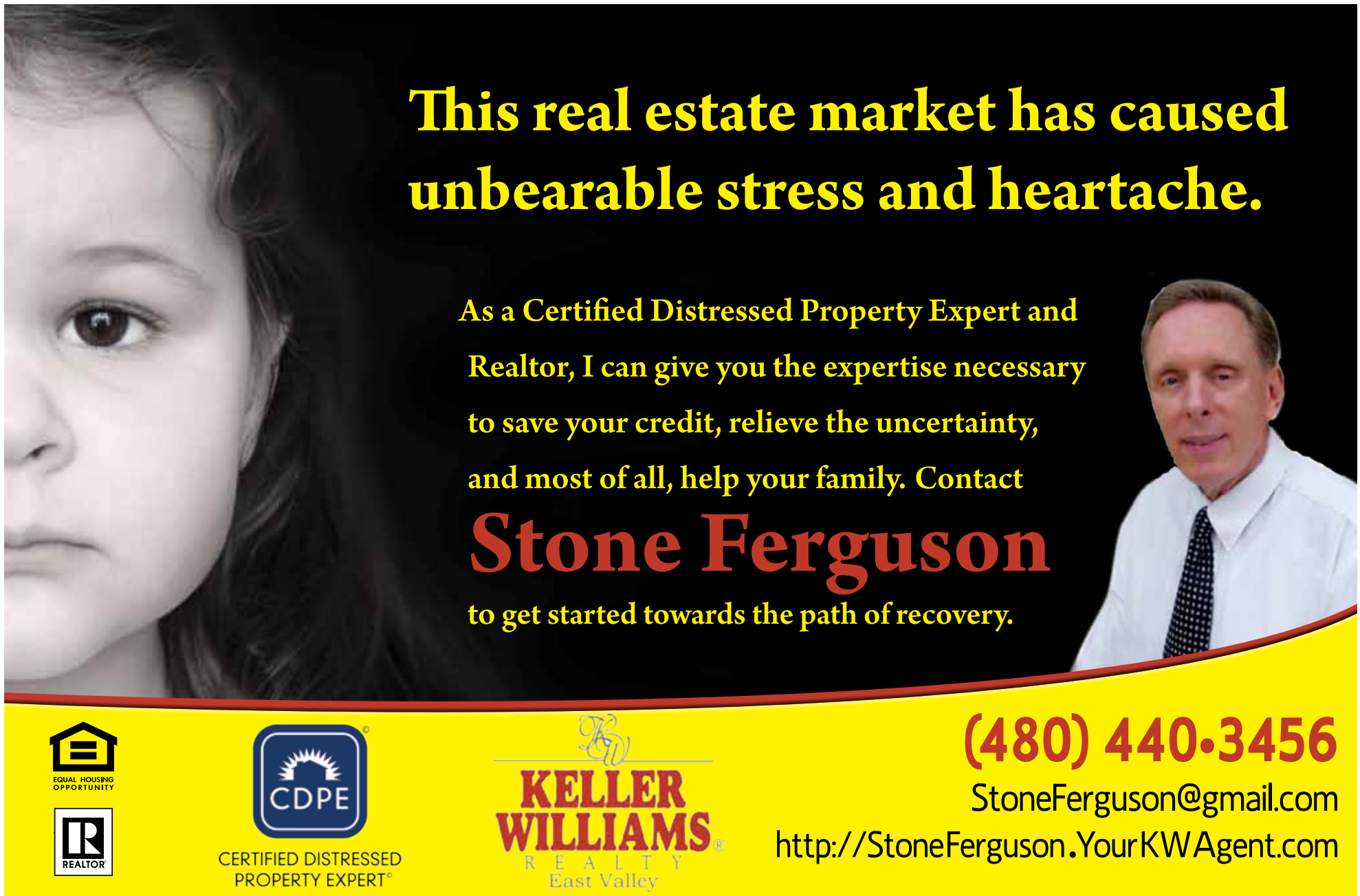
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in The Gila Valley

In 1879 a company of 28 Latter-day Saints left their camp near present day Show Low in the White Mountains, bound for what would become their new home in the valley of the Gila River.

After crossing the Gila Mountains, the company came in full view of the Gila Valley. The river, winding its course through the valley, was fringed on both sides with cottonwoods and willows. Groves of mesquite trees and stretches of open grass carpeted the valley floor. Mount Graham, heavily forested and capped with snow, made a beautiful landscape. All in the company felt that in this peaceful valley, there would be room for thousands to make their homes. Their settlement became known as Smithville. Today it is called Pima.

Before long, many other pioneers settled on The Gila. Mormon immigrants joined the populations of the mining and ranching towns in the region, and new settlements sprang up along the Gila and its tributaries, from Virden and Duncan on the east, to Ft. Thomas on the west, spanning a distance of sixty miles. Ebenezer Bryce, of Bryce Canyon fame, started a community known as Bryce across the river north of Pima. Similar settlements were being established on the San Pedro River at St. David, Pomerene, and in other places.

These pioneers cut canals through the desert soil with horse plows, wooden scrapers, and shovels to divert water from the Gila River for the production of crops and food. In time, more than 40,000 acres of farmland were under irrigation.

For construction materials, pioneers cut lumber at sawmills on Mt. Graham, and using remarkable systems of flumes and cable-tramways, delivered lumber to the valley floor.

Church leaders encouraged Latter-day Saints to be good neighbors and to beautify their homes with trees and tastefully-planted gardens.

In February 1883, then Church leader John Taylor organized the St. Joseph Stake (similar to a diocese), stretching from Miami, Arizona, to El Paso, Texas. The St. Joseph Stake Academy was established to provide the pioneer children with opportunities for education, culture and refinement. This academy continues today as Eastern Arizona College, the oldest institution in the Arizona community college system.

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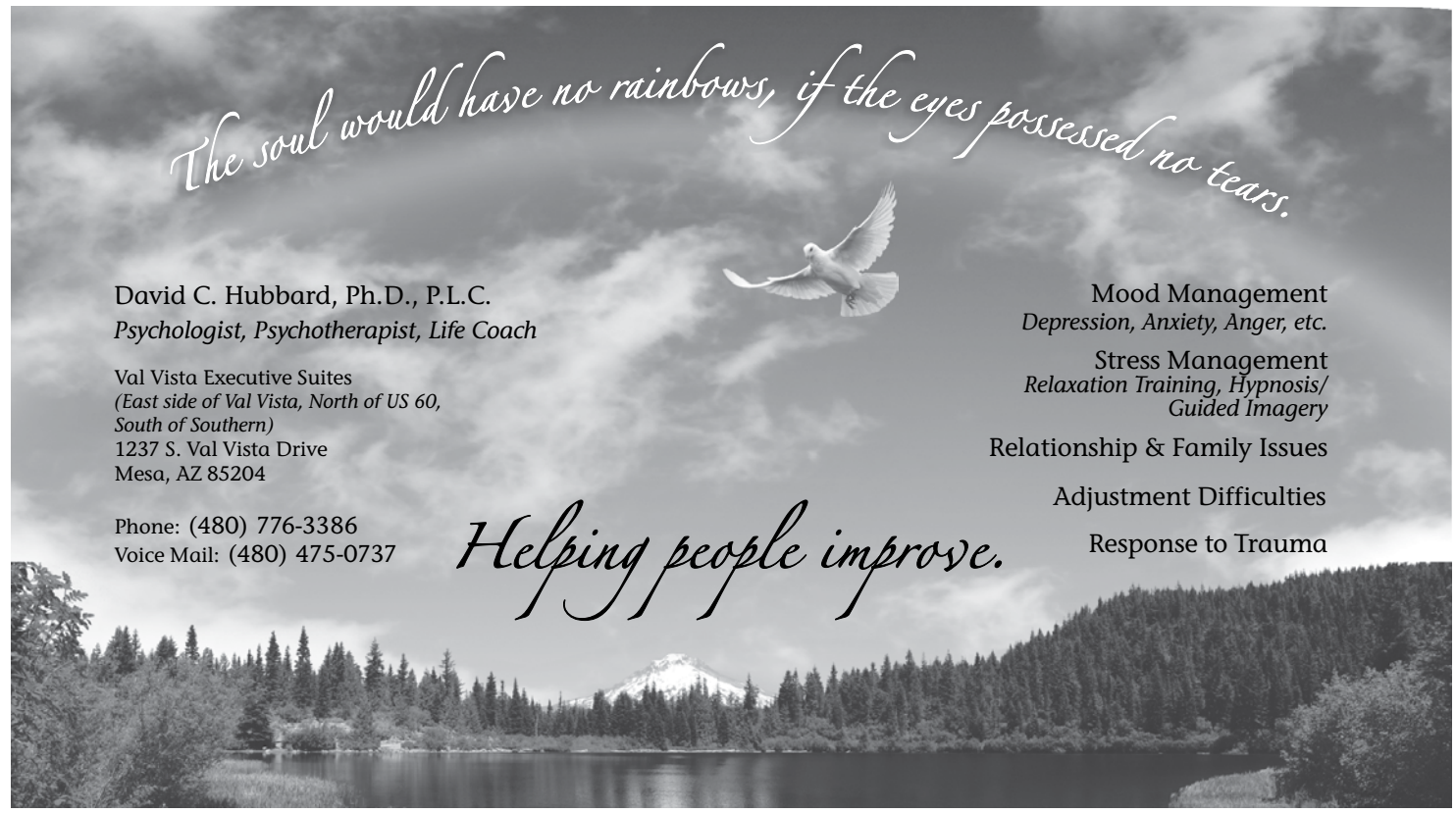
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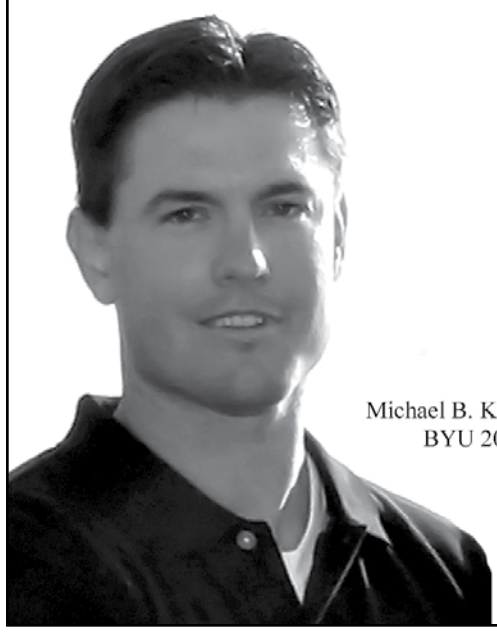

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Frustrated Former Network Marketer Launches
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By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

After 32 years in network marketing, Danny Levie, of Prescott, says, "I was sick and tired of it. I did okay, but 97 percent of the people in network marketing never make anything."

Danny says, "I was determined to take a different approach."

The result—called World BizOp—is so revolutionary that businesses, media, network marketing companies, as well as individuals in nearly every walk of life, are gravitating to the World BizOp Team, Danny says.

"World BizOp is unique. There is no compensation plan out there where distributors can work together and profit. With every other plan, they are all working against each other. For the first time, everyone can win," he explains.

Network marketing companies are typically pyramids, meaning, "You get paid for what the people underneath you do." World BizOp, on the other hand, is "truly a revenue-sharing program," says Danny. "People who get in can share in the revenues of the entire company."

With its unique compensation plan, World BizOp also has a completely different "product line."

"We offer customers cutting-edge technology—not some overpriced, overhyped product. Instead, we are selling something that every business has got to have, and that is an Internet presence."

World BizOp members have their own Web site and access to a community and to Internet marketing tools.

"It's all about exposure," says Danny. "For example, look at how many are on Facebook. It's free to get on, but the company is worth $15 billion, and Facebook users don't participate, don't make any money from any of that."

World BizOp is working to create a similar community, "with 400 million users, like Facebook, only different," Danny says. "With World BizOp, people will be able to share in the revenue generated by creating exposures."

Cable stations, radio and newspapers are interested in partnering with World BizOp, because, Danny says, "They all benefit. World BizOp helps increase exposure, and the revenue taken in is shared, so everyone profits from these partnerships. Every member of World BizOp gets a piece of this pie."

Far from what Danny calls the "network marketing rip-offs and scams," he says, with World BizOp, "There is no such thing as only those at the top profiting. Even the little guy has an opportunity to make money."

He adds, "In this slim economy, here is an opportunity for anyone, with very little effort, to make $300, $400 or $500 a month."

World BizOp offers a way to start risk-free.

"We hope everyone will sign up free. It doesn't cost you anything; and you can be making more than the monthly membership fees before you ever sign up as a paid member. There really is no risk at all," Danny says. "Then, come to a seminar or Webinar, take a look to see what our services are, and how you can start bringing in additional revenue," Danny says. "It's really very simple, but extremely powerful."

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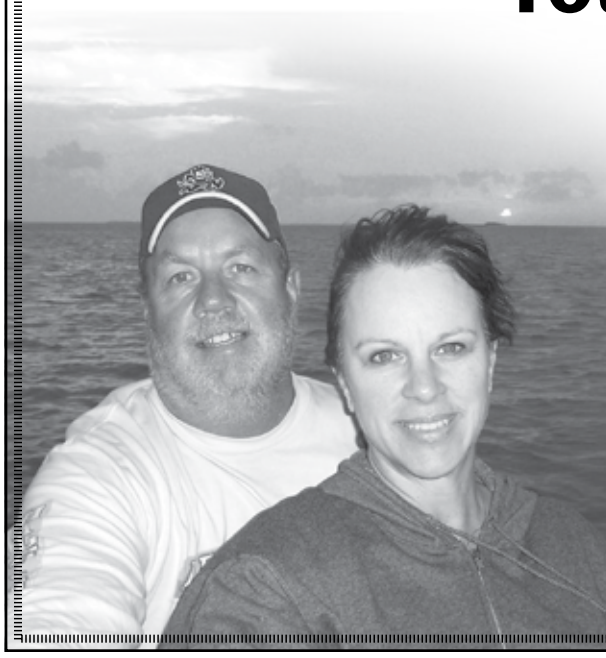

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Valley bridal shop caters to LDS brides & prom-goers

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Latter-day Saint brides have a simple, yet sacred, standard when choosing a wedding dress: a gown that portrays beauty, elegance, and modesty. Arizona's Bridal & Formal of Mesa has been helping LDS brides attain that standard for nearly nine years.

While offering a wide selection of wedding gowns and bridal party clothing to suit all tastes, they specialize in modest dresses, created by Heather Butler with her husband and business partner, Jim, exclusively for their store in Arizona and other stores in Utah and around the country. Hard-to-find modest prom dresses are also a key part of their collection.

Owners, Jim and Heather Butler, who now reside in Utah with their five children, opened their shop in Mesa in 2001, after both graduated from BYU. Heather is able to work at home on designs, while Jim travels to Arizona several days a month for store business. The Butlers say they have a qualified and caring staff that takes care of the responsibility of the daily operations of the shop.

One of the ways the Butlers keep in touch with fashion trends and styles is by selecting a fashion team of junior and senior Arizona girls who model in homecoming and prom fashion shows. The fashion team gives input on their favorite styles, fabrics, and colors for the designs Heather creates. Fashion team members also have the opportunity to get a free prom dress. Sophomore or junior girls who are interested in being on next year's fashion team can apply by going to www.myarizonaprom.com.

The Butlers say their business has grown as the demand for modest formalwear has grown. Last year, they also began offering modest prom dresses online at TwirlProm.com. These modest gowns are sold exclusively in their store in Arizona and are available across the United States and Canada online. You can see these modest dresses and Heather's newest designs at www.TwirlProm.com.

At Arizona's Bridal & Formal, LDS young women will find a wide array of fashionable designs and colors to suit any prom style. Plus, perhaps more important that the design and look of the dress, Jim says, because the clothing is in keeping with their standards of dress, young women feel happy and comfortable throughout the evening of their special event.

"This is a fun business to be in," says Jim. "We have a part in one of the happiest days of a girl's life. Whether it is prom or her wedding day, our goal is for her to feel absolutely stunning and beautiful while being modest at the same time."

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Heather Butler and her husband, Jim, are owners of Arizona Bridal & Formal, which carries a wide range of bridal and prom attire, including otherwise hard-to-find modest dresses, many of which are designed by Heather.

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By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

For 35 years, LeSueur Car Company has maintained a solid reputation for good value, top-quality inventory and excellent customer service.

Those are things Warren and Carolyn LeSueur have taken particular pride in ever since they started the company 35 years ago, shortly after they were married.

"We started with a couple thousand dollars and lived the American Dream, starting the business and seeing it grow," Warren says.

The LeSueur Car Company, a family-owned and operated business founded 35 years ago, is known for its friendly and knowledgeable sales staff, which includes (l to r) Steven LeSueur, Kris LeSueur, David Tracy, James LeSueur, Ryan Biggs and Ryan LeSueur.

Photo courtesy of LeSueur Car Company

Built in Tempe, near where Warren's great grandfather first settled with the early pioneers, LeSueur Car Company has a reputation for providing "that new car feel at used car prices."

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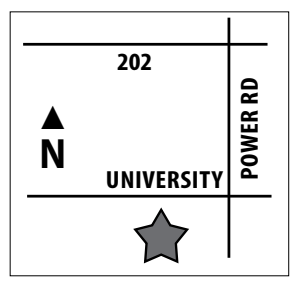

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tion, and pass on savings to our customers," Warren says.

He adds that with the current economy, LeSueur's is seeing more new customers than ever. "People want to save; they want to get a lot of value for their money, so they're going to our used cars."

At LeSueur's, buyers realize extra savings because the site is on a county island, so customers pay no city sales tax, saving them up to two percent or more.

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Customers get added value, Warren says, because "we intentionally buy a certain kind of car—the very best cars available—low mileage, fuel-efficient, well-maintained, very carefully selected cars."

LeSueur's has a large inventory—with more than 300 cars to choose from. They specialize in Volkswagen, Audi, Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Volvo, Nissan, Mini Cooper, BMW and many other imports. All the Toyotas on their lot that needed recalls have had them completed, Warren explains.

"We were impressed with how Toyota handled the recalls, actually sending technicians to LeSueur Car Company to perform recalls. Toyota showed great customer service."

Most of LeSueur's cars are still under manufacturers' warranties and extended warranties are offered on all their cars.

Before leaving the lot, every car is thoroughly checked by one of LeSueur Car Company's ASE-certified technicians. Those same mechanics provide top-quality service and repairs after the cars are sold.

"At $68 an hour, we have the lowest shop rates in town and we can work on anything," Warren says. "We offer a 10 percent discount on repairs to anyone who has purchased their car from us."

LeSueur Car Company, at 1109 E. Curry Road in Tempe, is currently being remodeled, with the goal of providing "customers and employees more room and a nicer place to work from."

During construction, LeSueur Car Company will continue to provide the same great service and customer care. At the core of that service are Warren and Carolyn, who still run LeSueur Car Company, with sons, Kris, James, Steven, and J.T.; daughter, Kelsey; and nephews, Ryan and Drew, playing key roles in the business.

The company has courteous, knowledgeable salespeople to assist customers on-site and "we have an amazing Web presence as well," says Warren. At www.usedvwaudi.com, customers can "take a virtual test drive or, from the site, can link to YouTube for complete descriptions of the cars, inside and out."

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Rhyme and Reason

By Linda Turley-Hansen

Latter-day Saints Enjoy Unique Understanding of Mother Eve

Eve is not what the world says she is: A woman who was deceived—who was misled by the Devil. Over the ages, the common belief has been that her choice to partake of the forbidden fruit was a sin and a foolish mistake.

Tragically, as a result of that incorrect perception, women have historically been treated as second class—actually, third and fourth class—citizens in many parts of the world. This belief has generated great division among men and women and has been subtly woven through traditions, religions, nations and cultures. But, LDS members know better. They know the truth about Eve and the role she played in our mortal journey. They know she chose wisely and correctly.

Book clubs all over the Church have added *Eve and the Choice Made in Eden* to their reading selections. The excitement over the material, written by author Beverly Campbell and released by Deseret Book seven years ago, has expanded in popularity with time.

It doesn't hurt that Church members are studying the Old Testament this year, either. With the book as a resource, LDS men have a better understanding of Mother Eve, and women see more clearly who they really are and why.

Beverly Campbell, a resident of Sun Lakes, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, formally served for 12 years as director of International Affairs for the Church, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

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Understanding Mother Eve
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Previously, she was the director of the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation and played a significant role in creating the Special Olympics program.

In her marvelous compilation of scripture and modern day revelation, Beverly weaves the truth of Eve into a powerful message, one that has begged to be told before the end of time. The mother of three children, Beverly says personal inspiration led her to "write a book about Mother Eve and provide correct information about her role." The journey to complete the book spanned 17 years.

The adversary's opposition was immense and required her constant prayer and Priesthood intervention by her husband, Pierce. This was a story that Satan did not want compiled into one, clear message. But, with her husband by her side, Beverly prevailed.

She gladly shares how her efforts expanded her testimony of eternal truths and praises the Priesthood and the "voices of our prophets." Beverly urges women to "courageously seek truth and act on it, whatever the cost, for that is our foreordained mission."

It's my take that this book is a "must read" for every member, every couple. It's written in such a way as to open eyes and hearts to Mother Eve's journey and her decision that put us on the path we now walk. It's a book for our children; to prepare them for that powerful, feminine inner voice, which will bless their marriages and complement the Priesthood. Read "Eve" to understand why women are far more than the "world" has ever known—a truth to bless man, woman and child.

Beverly Campbell has also authored *Eve and the Mortal Journey* and *You Don't Need to Slay My Dragons*.

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The LDS Church in the Gila Valley
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Perhaps the most notable graduate of the Academy was Spencer Wooley Kimball, who grew to manhood in Thatcher, became a prominent and respected businessman in Safford, and was called as the leader of the newly-formed Mt. Graham Stake in 1938. Kimball later served in general Church leadership as a member of The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (the senior governing body of the Church), and finally as President of the Church from 1973 until his death in 1985.

Temple worship is very important to Latter-day Saints. Early officials from Church headquarters who visited the area prophesied that one day a temple would be built in the Gila Valley. During the first 48 years a trip to the temple required traveling to St. George, Utah, by horse and wagon. This was a month-long round trip of 800 miles over some of the roughest terrain in Arizona, commonly referred to as the "Honeymoon Trail." In October 1927, the Mesa Arizona Temple was completed, and travel time to attend the temple was reduced to only a few days. At that time, most trips were made by automobile over dirt and cement roads. When a new highway between Safford and Phoenix was completed in 1952, travel time was reduced to a single, long day.

The Gila Valley Temple will now bring temple worship close to home, serving 21,000 Latter-day Saints in the surrounding area of southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico. The Gila Valley Arizona Temple is the 132nd temple of the Church worldwide and the third temple in Arizona, with others in Mesa and Snowflake. Two more temples in Arizona have been announced for construction in Phoenix and Gilbert.

Family Allergy Clinic helps allergy sufferers with INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

Allergies in Arizona seem to strike with a vengeance, using no discretion when it comes to choosing their victims; men, women and children suffer year after year from mild to severe sinus infections, nasal congestion and skin rashes.

But allergy sufferers aren't alone in their plight; Dr. Stephen H. Agren is out to defeat allergies and make the world an easier place to breathe.

For the past 25 years, Agren has been running the "Family Allergy Clinic" in Mesa, Arizona, with the intent to help all of the miserably congested and irritated allergy-sufferers in the Southwest.

Coming from a long life of enduring allergies growing up in Idaho, and then practicing medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah, Agren knows what it means to need allergy relief.

"As a child I watched the cowboy movies, and they would gag people; I tried that and realized that if anybody ever gagged me I'd die, because I couldn't breathe through my nose," Agren laughed.

Perhaps this humorous realization was the beginning of Agren's inspiration and drive to create a more convenient and effective method of curing allergies.

When Agren began his Arizona allergy practice in 1985, he started using a sublingual, or under-the-tongue, allergy serum in lieu of the traditional shot program.

At the time he only knew of one other person in the United States who was practicing the sublingual method to cure allergies. But Agren didn't have a hard time convincing people to try the new methodology.

"Patients were happy to be able to do something easier than running in and getting shots all the time," Agren said. "So that didn't take a lot of persuasion on my part."

All Agren's patients have to do is book a free initial appointment, receive an allergy test, and then leave with their specific allergy serum. The entire process takes just over an hour. The rest of the treatment happens with a set amount of drops under the tongue in the comfort of the home, and the body gradually becomes desensitized to the once bothersome allergens.

This new method has reaped far more positive results than the shot method has managed to accomplish. Under Agren's plan, 80% to 90% of patients have been able to kiss their allergies and asthma goodbye. Compare that to the over 50% drop out rate of patients receiving allergy shots, and the sublingual method might begin to look golden.

Photo by Jill Ferguson

Dr. Agren dosing his oral serum

For Mary Assay, Agren's methods were life changing. Although she'd undergone shot treatments as a child, she had a husband and children suffering from allergies constantly.

Determined not to put her family through the trauma of the shot treatment, Assay took her children to the Family Allergy Clinic as soon as she heard about Agren's under-the-tongue serum.

Now Assay says she loves sending the kids out to play, "worry-free."

Agren can't cure everyone on his own, so he provides materials and instructions for other allergy practitioners, to help get other offices started on the serum method.

With a little extra help from other practices throughout the state, Agren will have more time to spend with his wife of 40 years, Pam, and their seven children and 17 grandchildren.

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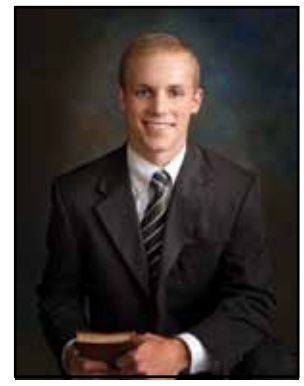

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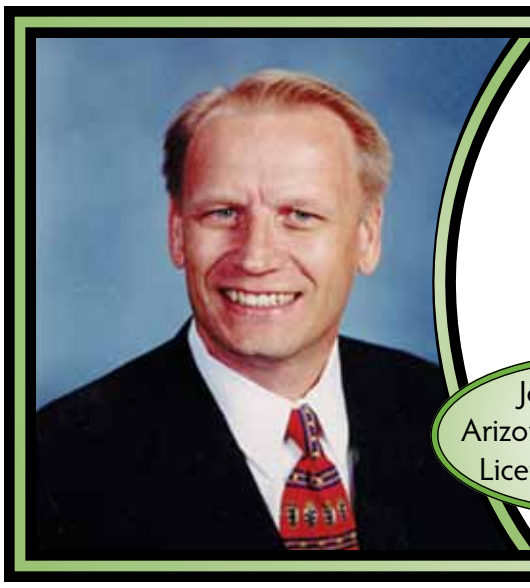

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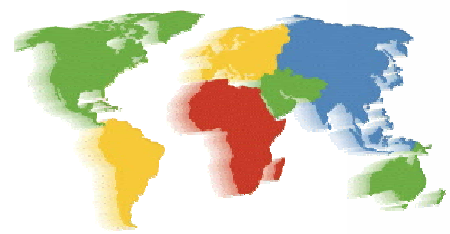

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Missionaries should always maintain conservative hairstyles. Hair should be relatively short and evenly tapered (as shown). Sideburns should reach no lower than the middle of the ear. Hair should normally be long enough to part and should be combed to the side or the back. Extreme or faddish styles, including bowl cuts, crew cuts, shaved or bleached hair, or wet-look styles, are unacceptable.

Suits and Slacks

Suits should be in dark, conservative colors (black, gray, blue, or brown) and should be made of fabric that does not wrinkle easily.

When you are permitted to work without a jacket, you should wear conservative dress slacks that hold a crease and that are in a dark, solid color. In such cases, you should not roll up the sleeves of your shirt.

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- *Tan or other light-colored slacks.*
- *Casual fabrics, such as denim or cotton twill.*
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Wear only white shirts that are cut in a neat, conservative style. Shirts should be made of fabric that does not wrinkle easily. Shirts may have either long or short sleeves.

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Chandler Author Publishes 16th Young Adult Novel

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Janette Rallison has done it again, authoring yet another young adult fiction book and bringing the total of her published books to 16.

Janette says this new book, titled *My Double Life*, "is one of my usual G-rated romantic comedies, with appropriate LDS standards."

It's the story of Alexia Garcia, who is offered a job to be a double for pop star, Kari Kingsley. Finding her mother is far from supportive, Alexia rebels, flies off to Los Angeles, gets immersed in celebrity life and involved in a romance with the hottest lead singer on the charts. Alexia is faced with the difficulty of having to stay true to herself, while pretending to be somebody else.

"The book is a Prince and the Pauper story, with a Hollywood setting that I hope girls enjoy," says Sister Rallison. "But what Alexia wants most is not fame, it's her father. At its core, this book is really about the importance of parents in our lives.

Photo by Sarah Goodman

Author Janette Rallison, of Mesa, recently released her 16th book, a young adult novel called *My Double Life*

That's why I dedicated the book to my parents, who were always there for me."

Sister Rallison has sold more than 700,000 books and has won several awards for her previous titles. *Fame, Glory, and Other Things on My To Do List*, *It's a Mall World After All*, and *How to Take the Ex out of Ex Boyfriend*, were each honored on the IRA Young Adults' Choices List.

Excited to have her 16th novel on the shelves, Janette does say, however, that she isn't pleased with the cover.

"The dress that they put the main character is a sequined dress with spaghetti straps. Unfortunately I have no say over the cover," she says. "I like the glam look to this cover, but I would have liked it even better if the model was wearing a modest dress!"

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The Beehive welcomes BYU intern to writing staff

The Beehive Newspaper would like to welcome and introduce the newest member of our writing staff, Emily Robbins. Emily began writing at an early age, but her interest in journalism didn't take off until high school, when she began editing and writing for her high school newspaper, the Blue & Gold.

When Emily arrived at Brigham Young University, she intended to graduate with an English degree, however, she could not escape the glamour of the journalism department.

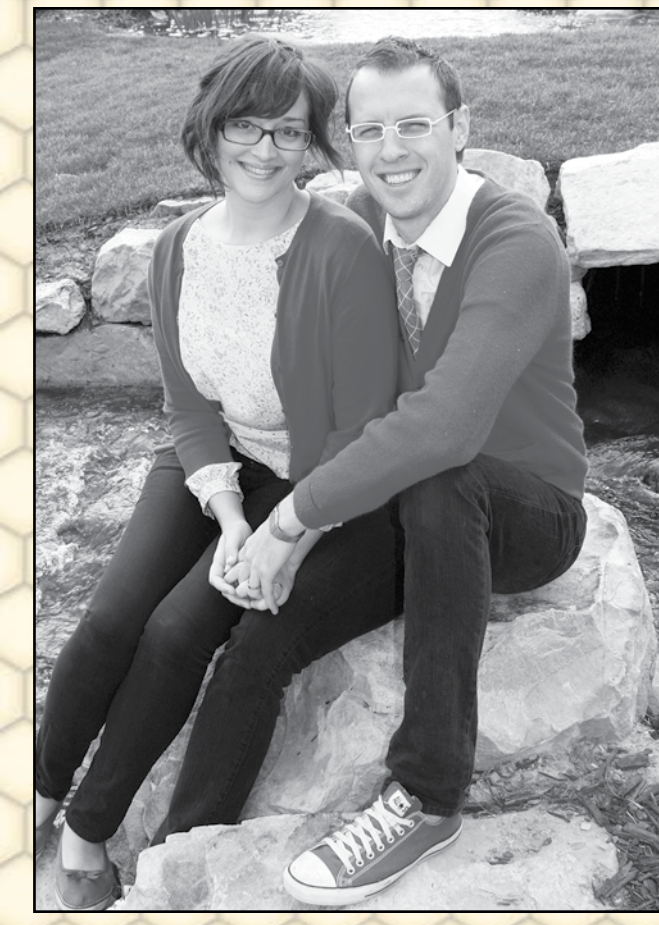
Four years after she began her studies of print journalism, Emily will be completing her journalism degree with an internship writing for The Beehive.

Emily considers herself lucky enough to be able to continue doing what she loves long after she's left the classroom. She states, "To contribute to an established newspaper and have people read the words I've written is a humbling blessing."

Emily lives in Chandler, Arizona, with her husband of one year, Ryan. They don't have any children yet, "but are definitely planning on enduring the blessings of many babies!"

Aside from her work with The Beehive, Sister Robbins works in a special education elementary classroom, serves as the Activity Days leader in her ward and as a wife to her wonderful spouse.

She is excited to begin her work for The Beehive, and to begin her career in journalism.



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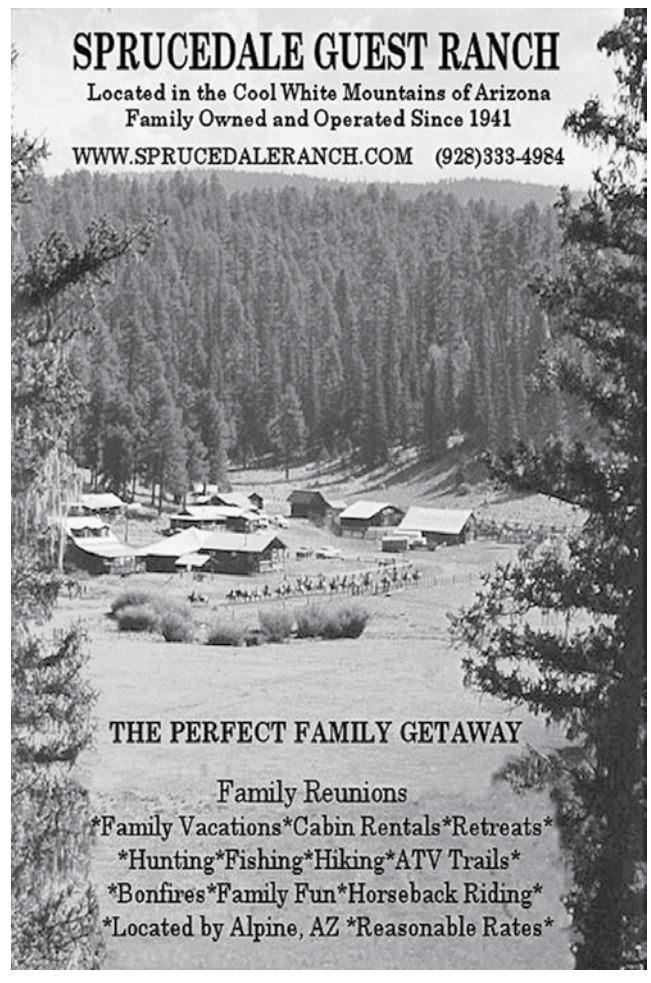
Emily Robbins, with her husband Ryan. Emily has joined The Beehive writing staff as an intern to complete her journalism degree from BYU.



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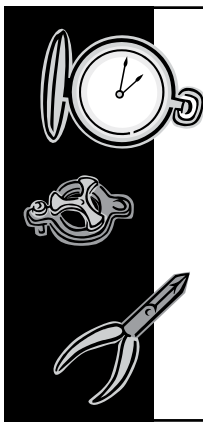

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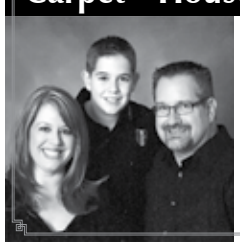

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Focus on fitness

The older I get, the more concerned I become with being healthy and fit and I realize that it takes more effort to stay that way.

My stake—Mesa Kimball East—has a focus on fitness this year, with a theme of "Health is a Habit." Stake leaders are encouraging us to become healthier and more fit by taking even the smallest of steps toward improvement. I appreciate those reminders and do believe that it's part of the gospel to take care of our God-given bodies the best we can.

One thing I love about living in Arizona is that year-round we have almost non-stop opportunities for getting out and getting fit. Most of the year the weather is great and even during the hot summer months, if we just make sure water is involved, we can still participate in various outdoor activities.

On the LDS Church's site, www.lds.org, I found some ideas for activities that help the whole family get involved. Go to Home and Family, choose Family Home Evening, click on Activities, then Family Activities, and then pick Physical Activities.

The Family Physical Activity Center can help children and youth develop physically and also help the whole family achieve and maintain physical fitness, while providing inexpensive recreation close to home.

The Family Superstars activity offers wholesome fun, practice in many basic sports skills and vigorous to mild physical activity. For this activity, family members take part in a wide variety of challenging events. A Family Superstars event requires several weeks of planning and would be a good activity for times when the extended family or friends will be present.

Who doesn't like to fly a kite? The "Let's Go Fly a Kite" activity teaches family members how to build and fly a kite and is good for all ages. It takes two to three hours and requires breezy weather. Sure, you could just buy a kite but isn't this activity together a recipe for a great family memory?

The Physical Fitness Award Program is designed to encourage families and individuals of all ages to take part *regularly* in activities that promote health and physical fitness. Other benefits include increased personal discipline and positive self-image, weight control, release of unwanted stress and family fun and communication.

The Rhythmical Exercise Program is for those who may be less able to take part in active sports or games. It is designed especially for older family members. The exercises can be done in and around a chair in any home setting.

The Mayo Clinic's site at www.mayoclinic.com also is helpful. Click on Healthy Lifestyle and you'll find great information under the topics of weight loss, fitness, nutrition and stress management. There are hundreds of healthy recipes here, and I feel confident that this is information I can trust.

Ever wanted to run a 5K? Go to www.coolrunning.com for the Couch-to-5K Running Plan. The beginner's running schedule has helped thousands of new runners get off the couch, onto the roads and up to running three miles in just two months.

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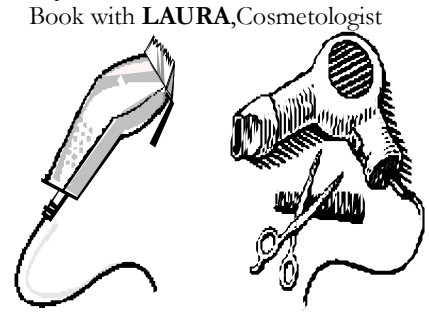

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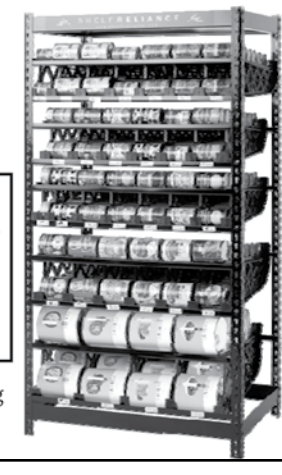

In The Mommy Zone...

By Kristie Young Fairbanks

The Track Meet

Yesterday, I went to my son's high school track meet. I was excited for this opportunity to watch him run, to see his long strides and primed frame glide effortlessly along the track.

He's a long distance runner, his specialties being the mile and the two mile races. I marvel at his athletic ability, endurance and love of the sport.

The competition had not yet begun and the athletes were milling about, stretching their limbs, jogging the field, warming and limbering up their lean, sculpted muscles.

I noticed that the track hurdles were already in place, evenly spaced, ready to intimidate any vulnerable runner. Other field events were also primed, geared for action, including the long jump pit, raked flawlessly smooth, and the shot put arena, marked with fresh distance chalk lines.

The loudspeaker blared the start of the 100 meter dash.

The girls contended first. The officiator pointed the starting gun into the air and shouted, "Runners take your marks... Get set..." Then the shot rang out and the line of runners exploded into speed.

I jumped at the sound of the gun, but was soon enthralled with excitement as several swift competitors sprinted their way towards the finish line, pushing their conditioned bodies to the limit.

Thick tension hung in the air as they accelerated down the stretch, all so close together that I couldn't determine the front runner. All of the sudden, with only 15 meters to go, a spritely athlete lost her momentum and fell. An audible gasp erupted from the crowd as she lay dazed and disoriented on the asphalt.

Within moments, spectators began chanting, "Get up! Get up!" Virtual strangers combined their efforts and joined in tangible and audible support for this unknown athlete, crying, "Finish the race! You can do it!"

She rose, took a deep breath and strode to the finish line, crossing the threshold to the roaring applause and accolades of the crowd. I couldn't stop the tears that welled inside me, spilling up and out. I had no idea who this young athlete was, but she struck a chord inside of me that resonated loud and clear, causing me to think.

We are all in our own "track meet" of life. Some of us are speedy and fast runners, some of us are slow and steady pacers.

Our track specialties are diverse, whether they be the hurdles, 100 meter dash, long distance runs, shot put, running long jump, pole vault, or the like. Our talents differ, but each are needed to create the ultimate family "track team."

We may be champions at short sprints, propelling life one day at a time, dashing forward with our goals at lightning speed, excelling at milestone bursts, or we may be winners at long distance races, taking living as it comes, proceeding towards the future with lengthening strides, maintaining a steady pace towards life's goals.

In the mile race that day, one female athlete was much slower than her teammates. But she stayed true and steady on course, paced herself, and finished, even though she was a full lap behind.

She knew she wouldn't win. She was dead last, but that didn't stop her from giving her all.

We can learn much from the examples of these two athletes. When we face trials in our lives, we can simply keep persisting, pacing ourselves, struggling through the pain until we spy the finish line in the distance.

If we stumble and fall, we can get up, dust ourselves off and continue on towards our destination, a little battered and bruised, but never a quitter.

As we compete in this race called life, we must help each other run the distance. We can lift a teammate when she falls. We can inspire a contender to finish the race when he's out of breath or stamina, steadying his shaky legs.

It's essential to help each other stay on track, eyeing that finish line, remembering that if we keep the pace by keeping the faith, we will execute our competition in winning fashion.

It's our race of a lifetime. We must continue as champions, one step at a time. If we never give up and finish our race, that blue ribbon will be waiting for us as we cross life's threshold and proceed to the winner's circle.

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